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21 September 1945

Mr. Carl G. Grossmann
750 St. Marks Avenue
Brooklyn, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Grossmann:

I have your letter of the 17th of September. Although we cannot use you for the work in question I suggest that you contact the Overseas Branch, Civilian Personnel Division of the Office of the Secretary of War. It is my understanding that there is some possibility of an opening there for the work you want to do.

Sincerely,

William J. Donovan
Director

OSS Form 4451

Date

To: Cmdr O'Malley

Can this man be used for War Crimes Work?

WJD

Overseas Br
Civ Person Div
Off of Sec War

Office of the Executive Officer

(30449)

Grossmann/Carl G.

CARL G GROSSMANN
780 ST. MARKS AVENUE
BROOKLYN, N.Y.

CABLE ADDRESS
CARLGRO NEWYORK

TELEPHONE
PRESIDENT 4-2974

September 17, 194[illegible]

Major General William J. Donovan
Director, Office of Strategic Services
Twenty-fifth and E Streets
Washington, D.C.

My dear General Donovan:

May I trust that you will recall my having been introduced to you several years ago by my friend Otto C. Kiep, another Nazi victim, as we learned recently.

Having been associated with the late Carl Lincoln Schurz of New York in matters of International Law I am confident that I can be of use to this country in the present situation, particularly by reason of my extended experience in matters of German and Austrian Law and in German and Austrian matters in general.

If you should concur in my view as above expressed I should certainly appreciate hearing from you. I entertain a hope that your office may find my services useful.

If you so wish I shall be pleased to submit detailed data as to my qualification.

Faithfully yours,

Carl G. Grossmann

→ To [illegible]

G.A.R. Memorial Day fund

Civilian Personnel Branch

Secretariat

26 May 1945

Attention: Miss Dorothy Bowen

Will you kindly have a box placed in the Que Building cafeteria labeled "G.A.R. Memorial Day Fund" for such contributions as the employees of OSS may wish to make. This should be done immediately. In this connection you may wish to have a memorandum sent out to all employees outlining the purpose of the fund as described in the attached letter from Mr. Yaden.

I have discussed this procedure with Mr. O'Gara who approves the handling of the matter in this manner.

Any contributions which are received should be forwarded to Mr. Patterson as directed in Mr. Yaden's letter.

A. W. Sulloway
Chief, Secretariat

Attachment

AWS:ragp

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

22 May 1945

Mr. James G. Yaden, President
The G.A.R. Memorial Day Corporation
4119 Illinois Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Yaden:

In response to the request contained in your letter of 31 March, we are bringing the work of The G.A.R. Memorial Day Corporation to the attention of our employees. They will be given an opportunity to make a financial contribution, and any funds which may be received will be forwarded to Mr. Patterson prior to 30 May 1945.

Sincerely yours,

Charles S. Cheston
Assistant Director

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M. Pugliese

See attached
note on W D policy
suggest we
adopt it.

[illegible]
11 May

1. Inter office memo
boxes will be provided
in lieu
2 Boxes
N.Y. Symphony

Mrs. Ulrich

Department" re
Solicitation of Funds

There is no written policy statement regarding solicitation of funds, however, most of them go to the office of the Administrative Assistant of the Secretary of War and that office makes the determination as to whether or not a letter is sent out to the various Commanding Generals authorizing solicitation.

The three charities to which the War Department always responds are the Red Cross, War Community Fund, and the Infantile Paralysis Fund.

In other isolated cases such as the GAR Memorial Fund - a letter is sent out to Commanding Generals saying that contributions will be accepted, but not advocating active solicitations for them.

FROM: DGS

EXT.

Have the Dept. [illegible] Clearance [illegible] check nothing [illegible] policy to [illegible] of OSS [illegible] etc.

Peter F. [illegible]
Lt Col, AUS

Office of the Secretariat

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24 Apr 45

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Cheston.
~~Colonel Buxton~~

DATE: 21 May 45

FROM : Secretariat

SUBJECT:

Attached for your approval and signature is a letter to Mr. Yaden, President of the G.A.R. Memorial Day Corporation.

Mr. O'Gara has looked into the War Department policy on requests for financial contributions from their employees, and it appears that we could properly provide a collection box at some location such as the Que Building cafeteria for any donations that our employees might wish to make.

If you approve handling Mr. Yaden's request in this manner, we can have Civilian Personnel make the necessary arrangements.

awB.
A. W. Bulloway

Mr. O'Gara has seen and approved the suggested procedure.

[illegible]

27 April 1945

The Honorable Albert B. Chandler
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Senator:

Your letter of 17 April 1945 concerning Miss Mary Elizabeth Green was received during my absence from the country and was brought to my attention upon my return several days ago.

Upon looking into the matter I have ascertained that Miss Green was interviewed by our Civilian Personnel Branch and was asked to fill out the necessary personal history statements. As soon as these are returned, we will be able to determine definitely whether there is an opening either here or abroad in which she can be used to advantage. I do not believe that we have any overseas vacancies at the present time as recent developments in the theaters have made unnecessary further recruiting of personnel for stenographic positions.

However, we are glad to have your letter and if there is no opening for Miss Green now, we shall keep her in mind in case a vacancy should develop at some future date.

Sincerely,

William J. Donovan
Director

[illegible]

Date [illegible] Apr 45

To: General Donovan

Attached for your signature is a proposed letter to Senator [illegible] replying to a recent letter from him.

[illegible] 4/20

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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AFFAIRS

Green, Mary

cc Chandler [illegible]

17 April 1945

To [illegible] O'Gara
Please prepare
suitable reply ~~[illegible]~~
for my signature
[illegible] letter [illegible] of [illegible] —

to Travis
4/21 [illegible]
for info

Major General William J. Donovan
Director
Office of Strategic Services
Twenty Fifth and E Streets
Washington, D. C.

Ans. attached.

My dear General Donovan:

Miss Mary Elizabeth Green, 1820 Clydesdale Place, N.W., Washington, who is a native of Shelbyville, Kentucky, has told me that she has applied for a place as Clerk-Typist with your Agency. She is very anxious to go overseas.

Miss Green is presently employed by the French Supply Council and has been in her present capacity for a year. She tells me that she can get satisfactory references. It would be appreciated if you would have her application investigated and help her if possible.

May I have your advice?

With good wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

A. B. Chandler

Albert B. Chandler

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General Mills, Inc.
Chamber of Commerce Building

EXECUTIVE OFFICES
James F. Bell

Minneapolis, Minn.

May 14, 1945

Dear Bill:

Many thanks for your nice letter about young Grunseth. I am pleased that you found his record good.

I do hope when you get back we shall have time to forgather. Meantime, best regards.

Sincerely,

Jim

General William Donavan
Director of Strategic Services
Washington 25, D. C.

OSS Form [illegible]

Date 7 May 1945

To: General Donovan

Now that you have seen Captain [illegible] would you care to write to Mr. Bell?

RF

[illegible] 5/15/45

Office of the Executive Officer

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : General Donovan

DATE: 1 May 1945

FROM : Executive Office

SUBJECT: Captain Rieder Grunseth

Captain Grunseth was in the Norwegian Unit as Executive and Assistant Group leader. He parachuted into Northern France. His group leader was killed and he took over command. The French awarded him the Croix de Guerre. He was also awarded the Purple Heart. When the unit was pulled back to England and part transferred to SO, he preferred to return here and volunteered to go to China. He is to leave for China on the 9th as commanding officer of 10 officers and 31 enlisted men.

Major King reaffirms that Grunseth is an outstanding officer.

One of the men in the group has received the Bronze Star. Major King would appreciate it if this could be conferred by you at the area, at which time you could say a few words to the group. Captain Grunseth as commanding officer of the unit will of course be present. Would you care to fix a time on Thursday or Friday of this week for this purpose?

Yes - I should think Friday

D.

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Let me know
about this today

D.

12 april 1945

Mr. James F. Bell
General Mills, Inc.
Chamber of Commerce Building
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Bell:

Your letter to General Donovan arrived in his absence and will be held for him on his return. I have inquired of the Branch [illegible] which Captain Grunseth is attached. I know you will be glad to know that his superiors report him to be an outstanding officer.

Sincerely,

Robert Thrum
Assistant Executive
Officer

Grunseth, Rieder

x. Bell, James

General Mills, Inc.
Chamber of Commerce Building

EXECUTIVE OFFICES
James F. Bell

Minneapolis, Minn.

April 9, 1945

General William Donavan
care Adjutant General's Office
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bill:

Don't be too surprised to receive a letter from me. It is a long time since our paths have crossed, but I always retained happy memories of those delightful occasions.

I know you are interested in men. So am I. I have picked some good ones in my time, and I know you have. I have had a great deal of interest in a young man I have known from early youth, namely Rieder Grunseth. He volunteered as a private and is now a Captain in the O.S.S. I think this boy has remarkable ability and the qualities of real leadership. Someone in your department has evidently thought the same, because of his advancement in position.

I am not going to take a lot of your time telling you about it, but I am glad to know you have such a good man, and that a good man is under such splendid leadership. This boy is really worth while.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Jim Bell

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

OFFICIAL DISPATCH

DATE 12 MAR 45 REC'D 1157 12 MAR 45

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3 STATIONS

FROM OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

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(FOR INFORMATION)

DIRECTOR, SECRETARIAT, MAGRUDER
X-2, FIELD SECTION, BIGELOW, MEDICAL SERVICES

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WILLIS FROM HOFFMANN. INFORMATION: RYAN.

[illegible] REPORTED HAVE HEART CONDITION. TRY GET HIM CARDIOGRAPHED OR EQUIVALENT EXAMINATION AND ADVISE.

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INITIALS OF "RELEASING" OFFICER

IT IS FORBIDDEN TO COPY OR REPRODUCE THIS CABLE WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION FROM THE SECRETARIAT

OSS Form 1084b

TO: DATE 13 March

Lt (j.g.) Thrun -

Will you let Marian file this when you're through with it?

HWA

FROM:

ROOM: EXT.

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Gruen, Betty

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12 March 1945
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TO: Lt. John W. Auchincloss
The Secretariat

FROM: Chief, SO

SUBJECT: Betty L. Gruen

I had a talk with Mrs. Gruen and I believe she is satisfied with the discussion she had with me and accordingly the attached letter may be considered as a closed issue. I told her I was sent to New York by General Donovan to have the discussion, and she seems more than satisfied.

CARL O. HOFFMANN
Lt. Colonel, AUS
Chief, SO

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OSS FORM 10[illegible]

DATE 28 Feb. 45

TO: Colonel Hoffmann

Attached is the inquiry from Mrs. Roy Gruen about her son in OSS. She does not give his first name, and I have been unable to find anyone in OSS called Gruen except M/Sgt. Arthur Gruen of SO, who is now stationed in the Far East.

I understand from what you said this morning that you will get in touch with Mrs. Gruen some time when you are in New York.

John W. Auchincloss

John W. Auchincloss
1st Lt., JAGD
Secretariat

FROM:

(Room) EXT.

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HOTEL DELMONICO
Park Avenue at 59th Street
New York

508 Park Ave.

Maj. General Wm. Donovan,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I regret to trouble you but my son is a member of OSS and it is urgent that I have a short talk with you in reference to him.

Will you be kind enough to grant me a ten minute interview at your convenience?

If you are not to be in your New York office in the near future, I shall be glad to come to Washington to see you.

I shall be most grateful to you for your courtesy in granting my request.

Sincerely yours,

Betty L. Gruen

(Mrs. Roy Gruen
502 Park Ave.
New York City)

[illegible] [illegible], [illegible]

• UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mrs. O'Donnell

FROM : Secretariat

DATE: 5 March 45

SUBJECT:

Marian:

This is just to confirm what I told you this afternoon about Mrs. Gruen's letter to the General concerning her son.

A copy of the letter was sent to Col. Hoffman on 28 February, and he called me on the telephone this afternoon to say that someone had been in touch with Mrs. Gruen. She evidently feels that her son ought not to be in the army and would like the General to have him discharged. I agreed to Col. Hoffman's suggestion that he continue to handle the matter, but asked him to address a memorandum to the General telling him what had happened. This he agreed to do.

JWA

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Betty L. Gruen

(Mrs. Roy Gruen
502 Park Ave.
New York City)

Feb. 20, 1945

[illegible]
Green, E. Ely

Hotel Delmonico
PARK AVENUE AT 59TH STREET
New York

502 Park Av

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Washington, D.C.

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Sincerely yours,

Betty L. Green

(Mrs Ray Green
502 Park Ave.
New York City

Feb. 26, 1945

OSS FORM 4[illegible]

TO: General Donovan

1. Col. Gridley telephoned [illegible] noon regarding the questions r[illegible] his meeting with Capt. [illegible] undersigned, 21 July 1944, [illegible] in attached memorandum.

2. He said that the memorandum [illegible] ferred to in subparagraphs [illegible] attached memorandum had been held up at his desk for a week, indicating that they could not be [illegible] the [illegible] information.

W. B. Ka[illegible]

W. B. K[illegible]

Office of [illegible]

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Gridley

21 July 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL DONOVAN

SUBJECT: Meeting with Colonel Gridley, 21 July 1944

Colonel Gridley asked me to bring Captain Kantack over to be introduced and wanted to discuss certain items that had been sent to the Joint Chiefs:

a. The first thing which Colonel Gridley wished to inquire was the names of persons to whom your message had been distributed concerning the disarming of French Troops in French Indo-China.

To this I replied that I understood distribution had been given to the President, General Marshall and a French general, probably Bethouart. He said that if possible in the future, in order that he might be able to tell General MacFarland what action should be taken, he wanted to have a notation of distribution in each case.

b. The second item which Colonel Gridley brought up was your recent memorandum respecting the infiltration of agents out of Bastia, Corsica. He said that this appears to be a small operation which he assumes was done every day by OSS and he therefore wondered whether it should receive distribution to the Joint Chiefs.

I said that I did not know your exact reasons but among others I knew that it was a particularly dramatic account and that a similarly dramatic account, i.e. Sugar Loaf Two on the survey of the island off Sumatra, had been given wide distribution among the Joint Chiefs by General Marshall. Is there anything further that we should add?

c. The third item which Colonel Gridley took up is a memorandum from you dated 19 July saying:

"I have notified our units in the Balkan area that clearance has been obtained for the entry of search parties for aviators into all the Balkan areas and also that clandestine intelligence teams may be sent

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into that area without further reference to the Theater Commander, but that operation intelligence should be cleared with him in order to avoid confusion. I have also told them that this does not apply to operations which will be conducted only after approval by the Theater Commander."

Colonel Gridley said that he wanted to take this into General MacFarland but before doing so he apparently needed explanations of each sentence. For instance, he asked what you meant by "I have notified our units" to which I replied that it was probably the Strategic Services Officer, Colonel Glavin, and our Commanding Officer at Bari. He asked from whom clearance had been obtained and we indicated that it was from the theater (presumably Wilson?). He also inquired whether all the Balkan areas meant every Balkan country including Hungary and further asked the distinction that was being made between clandestine intelligence and operation intelligence. In respect of the statement "without further reference to the Theater Commander", he asked whether this meant Wilson or Devers and I replied that you had discussed the matter with Wilson but that Devers had also been informed. His final inquiry was as to the character of operations "which will be conducted only after approval by the Theater Commander."

WLC

William L. Cary

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Colonel Connely
Secretariat
Captain Francis C. Grant

20 June 1944

The attached letter from General Bissell is forwarded for your information and necessary action.

J. J. Monigan
Major, CAC

Attachment:
Memo 16 June from Gen. Bissell

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In reply refer to:
MID 201-Grant,
Francis C., (Capt.)

WAR DEPARTMENT
WAR DEPARTMENT GENERAL STAFF
MILITARY INTELLIGENCE DIVISION G-2
WASHINGTON

16 June 1944.

MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL WILLIAM J. DONOVAN:

ATTENTION: Colonel G. Edward Buxton.

Subject: Transfer of Military Intelligence Personnel to Office of Strategic Services.

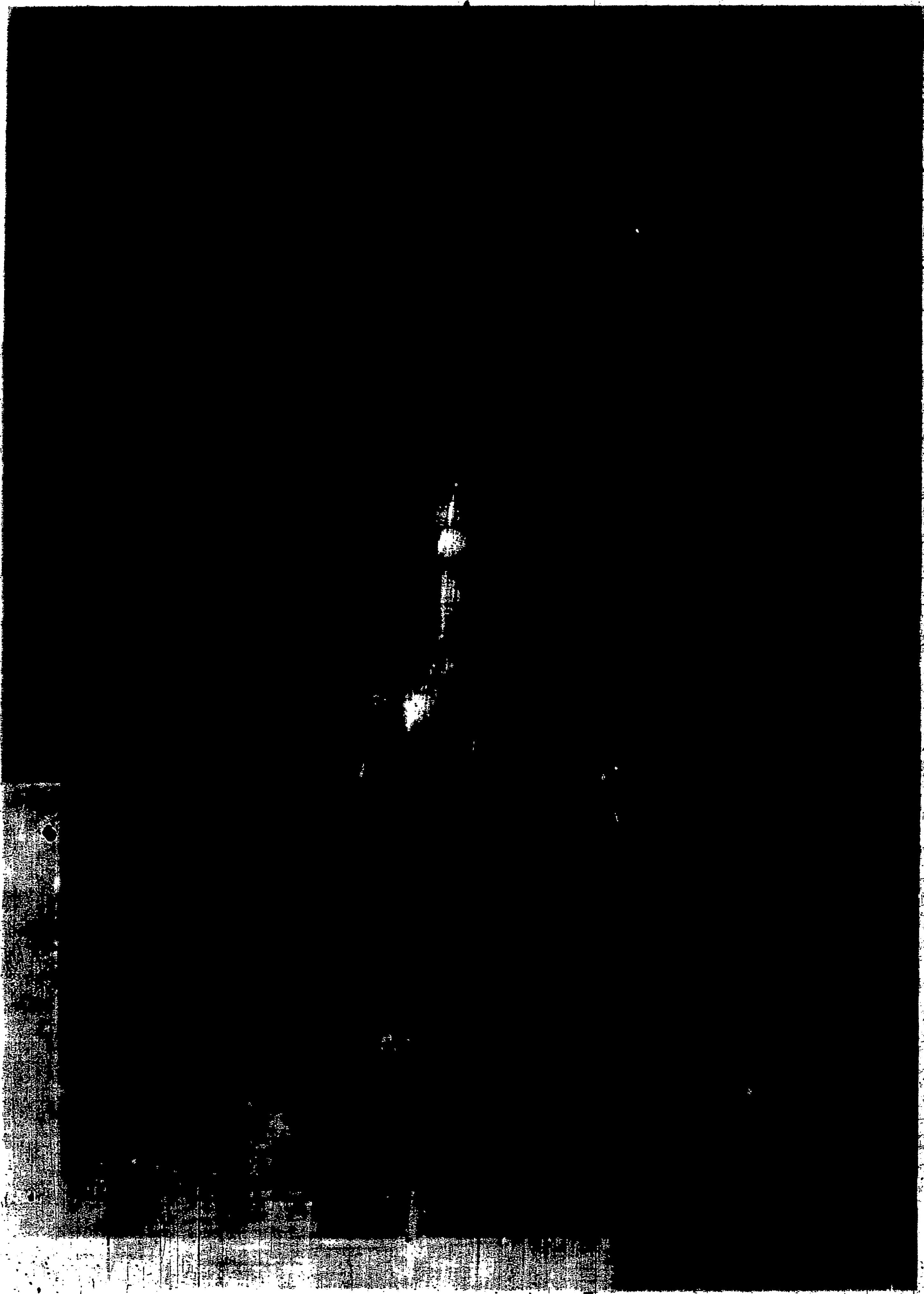
1. Reference is made to your Memorandum of 10 June 1944, with respect to the availability of Captain Francis C. Grant, O-[illegible]76, Cavalry.

2. I am glad to make him available to the Office of Strategic Services on or about 1 July 1944. It is requested that when orders are issued Captain Grant be relieved from the San Francisco Office, Military Intelligence Service.

3. I consider the transfer of Captain Grant to the Office of Strategic Services to be in the best interests of the service.

Clayton Bissell

CLAYTON BISSELL,
Major General,
A. C. of S., G-2.



To: Mr. CHESTON

Tell Col. Connelly that this will be considered with all the request for decorations that come in.
EdP 5/12

~~Col. Connelly~~

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Spoke to Connelly

Director's Office

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
PACIFIC COAST AREA

406 MONTGOMERY STREET
SAN FRANCISCO CALIFORNIA

4 May 1945

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SUBJECT: Decoration for Lt. Colonel Donald M. Gregory

TO : Major General William J. Donovan,
The Director,
Office of Strategic Services
Washington, D. C.

1. I should like to suggest for your consideration, the awarding of a decoration to Colonel Gregory for the outstanding work that he did as Chief of the Pacific Coast Area.

2. Since my arrival on the Coast, I find that there is the universal feeling in this area that Colonel Gregory did an outstanding job; that he was responsible for getting many of the loose ends tied together; and that through his orderly administration, the OSS program was advanced materially. As you know, a rather rapid growth occurred during the time that Colonel Gregory was Chief on the Pacific Coast, and in addition to the training programs, substantial development and progress were made in the Research branches.

3. I feel sure that if you are sympathetic to this suggestion, there is ample material with which to prepare the formal papers. For the type of services performed, perhaps a Legion of Merit would be the most appropriate.

E. P. CONNELY
Colonel, F. A.
Chief, Pacific Coast Area

To
Mr. Cheston

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4 May 1945

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[illegible]
Colonel, F. A.
Chief, Pacific Coast Area

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February 16, 1945

Lt.Colonel Donald H.Gregory, AGD,
Chief, Pacific Coast Area,
400 Montgomery Street,
San Francisco, California

Dear Don:

I am in receipt of your letter of February 9th, and have in the works now your application for relief from active duty.

We will expedite this, and I have asked John O'Hara to give it special handling. I hope that you will receive your orders before long, placing you on inactive duty.

As to when [illegible] should take over, unless you and he feel differently, I think we better wait to see how your application for placing you on inactive duty progresses.

The General will be in San Francisco either next Friday, the 23d, or Saturday, the 24th, enroute to the Pacific, and no doubt you will see him.

Sincerely yours,

Charles S. Cheston
Assistant Director

CSC:[illegible]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
PACIFIC COAST AREA

400 MONTGOMERY STREET SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

9 February 1945

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Mr. Charles S. Cheston,
Acting Director
Office of Strategic Services
25th and "E" Streets, N. W.
Washington (25), D. C.

Dear Charlie:-

I am attaching original and two copies of a formal request for release from active duty for myself. I understand that Colonel Connely is expected to arrive for permanent duty on the Coast approximately 12 February 1945, and I will, of course, notify you promptly upon his arrival.

It would be appreciated if I could be advised as to when you desire him to officially take over as Chief of the Pacific Coast Area.

My records show that I will have, on 26 February 1945, fifty-one (51) days accumulated Leave. As I told you, I will be only too glad to be of any assistance possible to the OSS in my civilian status.

Needless to say, anything you can do to expedite and insure the success of the attached application will be very much appreciated personally.

With kind personal regards.

Very sincerely yours,

DONALD M. GREGORY
Lt. Colonel, AGD
Chief, Pacific Coast Area

Enclosure: (1, in trip.)

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[illegible] Gregory, Ronald H. (O)   1st Ind   PR:CMC/o'n
[illegible], Washington, D. C., 21 February 1948

TO: The Adjutant General, War Department, Washington 25, D. C.
ATTN: Officers' Branch, Assignment Section, Munitions Bldg.

1. Approved.

2. Upon being relieved from active duty, however, Lt. Colonel Gregory will act in a civilian capacity to this organization as a consultant on the various projects which are presently being undertaken and for those future projects where his specialized training and experience specifically qualify him. It is highly important that this organization have the opportunity to use the services of Lt. Colonel Gregory in this capacity.

3. In compliance with paragraph 8 c, section II, WD Circular [illegible], the following information is furnished:

a. Subject officer is qualified by training and experience for duty assignments involving procurement of specialized personnel.

b. A surplus exists in the command jurisdiction of officers of his particular grade, or any higher grade, who are qualified to fill this specific assignment.

c. Lt. Colonel Gregory is entitled to separation [illegible].

d. No disciplinary action or reclassification proceedings under [illegible] are pending or appropriate in this case.

e. No hospital disposition board or Army retiring board proceedings are pending or believed to be appropriate.

f. Lt. Colonel Gregory became surplus on 10 February [illegible], the [illegible] date it was determined that no future assignments were anticipated in which his services could be utilized.

g. Complete and up-to-date copy of officer's qualification card is inclosed.

4. Lt. Colonel Gregory has been directed to undergo a terminal physical examination, the results of which will be forwarded [illegible].

[illegible] Gregory, Donald [illegible]. (O)

5. Officer's statement of leave is inclosed.

6. Lt. Colonel Gregory was commissioned from civil life on [illegible] December [illegible] and was initially assigned to the Officer Procurement Service, ASF, to procure specialized personnel for direct commissioning in the AUS. He was transferred to this organization on [illegible] January 1944, to procure specialized military and civilian personnel in the field.

7. Since subject officer has now completed the mission for which he was recruited from another organization by OSS, it is recommended that he be relieved from active duty.

For and in the absence of the Director:

2 Incls:
1. Copy of [illegible]
2. Statement of Leave

CHARLES S. CHESTON
Assistant Director

[illegible] February 1945

[illegible]-Gregory, Donald M. (OFF)

SUBJECT: Relief from Active Duty, Donald [illegible] Gregory, O-[illegible], Lt. Colonel, AUS (AGD).

TO : The Director,
Office of Strategic Services
Washington, D. C.

1. Subject officer requests that he be relieved from active duty pursuant to the provisions of Paragraph 4., Section II, War Department Circular No. [illegible], [illegible] December 1944, and subparagraphs b.(4) and b.(5) of Paragraph 5. of said Section.

2. Subject officer is forty-eight (48) years of age.

3. Subject officer was temporarily appointed from civilian life in [illegible] for duties of a specialized nature, to wit: for service as a personnel procurement and administrative officer in the office of the San Francisco, California, Officer Procurement District of the Officer Procurement Service, ASF. His duties in this capacity were substantially completed in January, 1944, and he was thereafter assigned to the Office of Strategic Services, Washington, D. C., for duties of a specialized nature with the Personnel Procurement Branch of that agency. His duties with the Office of Strategic Services were of essentially the same character as those with the Officer Procurement Service, and have now been completed.

4. Subject officer has had no recent military training or experience other than in the capacities mentioned in Paragraph 3., and [illegible] that he may properly be placed on inactive status due to the completion of the particular, specialized work for which he was appointed.

DONALD M. GREGORY
Lt. Colonel, AUS (AGD)

[illegible]

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
CALIFORNIA OFFICE

406 [redacted] MONTGOMERY STREET
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

19 May 1944

Brig. Gen. William J. Donovan,
Director
Office of Strategic Services
25th and E Streets, N. W.
Washington, D. C. #25

My dear General:

Your letter of 11 May 1944, with enclosures, is acknowledged.

May I express my appreciation of your confidence in me and the hope that the results will warrant it.

Sincerely,

Donald M. Gregory,
Lt. Col. AGD,
Chief, Pacific Coast Area.

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[illegible]
Pacific Coast Area

11 May 1944

Lt. Colonel Donald H. Gregory
c/o Commander Wm. H. Vanderbilt
[illegible] Building
[illegible] Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Colonel Gregory:

Attached are copies of orders just issued pertaining to your responsibilities as Chief, Pacific Coast Area.

It is anticipated under General Order No. 8, Revised that Chiefs of Branches in Washington will communicate directly with you concerning the activities of their branches in your area. While you will, of course, be subject to orders from the Director or Assistant Director, you will not be required to comply with orders or requests from a lower echelon unless you concur in the action proposed.

To effect proper coordination between the Pacific Coast Area and Washington, an additional Theater Officer will be established directly under Colonel Richards and all communications to and from the Pacific Coast Area will be routed through him.

I trust that these arrangements will do much to facilitate your work on the Pacific Coast and that they will prove satisfactory.

Sincerely,

William J. Donovan
Director

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SPECIAL ORDER
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TO: LIST S

1. Lt. Colonel Donald H. Gregory is hereby appointed Chief, Pacific Coast Area, vice Commander William H. Vanderbilt, U.S.N.R., relieved.

William J. Donovan
Director

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GENERAL ORDER
NUMBER:
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TO: [illegible]

SUBJECT: [illegible] Operations

1. The Chief of the Pacific Coast Area will be responsible to the Director of Strategic Services for the conduct of all OSS activities in that area.

2. All OSS personnel dispatched to the Pacific Coast Area will report immediately upon their arrival, either personally or by telephone, to the Chief, Pacific Coast Area, San Francisco or to the head of the Los Angeles office as the case may be.

3. All General Orders conflicting with the foregoing are hereby rescinded.

William J. Donovan
Director

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10 April 1944

Mr. Byron Price
Director, Office of Censorship
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Price:

Prior to the arrival of the exchange ship Gripsholm from Lisbon early in March, the CD Branch of this Agency gave to your Travellers Censorship Division a Special list of requirements of types of material that would be of value to various branches of OSS.

At the invitation of the Travellers Censorship Division, a member of CD Branch was present at the time the Gripsholm docked, and the list of requirements was filed with the U.S. Customs authorities. The results obtained from this arrangement were satisfying to a degree that far exceeded our expectations of what would be available or could be obtained.

We should like to express our appreciation and thanks to the Travellers Censorship Division and, through it, to the U. S. Customs authorities.

Sincerely,

G. Edward Buxton
Acting Director

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Greenlee, Richard

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Colonel [illegible] - MO
Commander Shaheen - Sp. Projects
Colonel Livermore - OG
Commander Armour - MU
Commander [illegible] - CD

Lt. [illegible] Wilson

SUBJECT: Designation of Chief, OSS/Thailand

1. Major Richard B. Greenlee, formerly with SO-IBT, has been designated Chief OSS/Thailand by Colonel Coughlin.

2. Major Greenlee will henceforth report directly to the Chief OSS/IBT.

G. Edward Buxton
Acting Director

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10 April 1945

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G. Edward Buxton
Acting Director

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#20507. COUGHLIN FROM EXECUTIVE OFFICE. REFERENCE YOUR #19144 (IN 9544). SECRE

INTERESTED PARTIES NOTIFIED GREENLEE NOW ASSIGNED CHIEF OF MISSION.

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TOO: [illegible] 10 APRIL 45

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#19144. 109 FROM COUGHLIN. SECRET

I BELIEVE THAT GREENLEE AND ALL THE OTHERS ARE AWARE OF THE FACT THAT GREENLEE IS LISTED ON OUR ROSTER AS ASSIGNED TO THE CHIEF OF MISSION. BEFORE HE LEFT THERE WERE SEVERAL CONFERENCES OF THE PLANNING BOARD AND ALL BRANCH HEADS TO FINISH UP HIS BRIEFING. I REALIZE THAT I SHOULD HAVE SECURED THE APPROVAL OF THE HEAD OF HIS BRANCH, BUT I FELT NO DOUBT THAT HOFFMANN, WHO IS CONSISTENTLY CO-OPERATIVE, WOULD GIVE HIS APPROVAL. I ASK THAT THIS CHANGE BE MADE OFFICIAL.

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TO INSURE THAT ALL THE BRANCHES DERIVE THE GREATEST BENEFIT FROM GREENLEE'S SERVICES AND THAT NO HESITATION WILL BE SHOWN IN EMPLOYING HIS WORK WHILE HE IS INSIDE THAILAND, IT MAY BE DESIRABLE TO REMOVE HIM FROM THE BRANCH LEVEL AND DESIGNATE HIM YOUR DEPUTY OR HIS SPECIAL ASSISTANT. WOULD YOU GIVE ME YOUR OPINION IN THIS MATTER?

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HEADQUARTERS
Office of Strategic Services
India-Burma Theater
APO #432, NY

28 March 1945

SUBJECT: Entrance on active duty of Richard S. Greenlee, Major, AUS - 0-931406.

TO : Director
Office of Strategic Services
Washington 25, D.C.

1. Pursuant to Para. 1, S.O. 86, cs, Hq. IBT, APO 885, dated 27 March 1945, subject officer entered on active duty.

For the STRATEGIC SERVICES OFFICER:

Richard S. Greenlee

Richard S. Greenlee
Major, AUS

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Office of Strategic Services
India-Burma Theater
APO 43[illegible]

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[illegible] March 1945

SUBJECT: Entrance on active duty of Richard S. Greenlee, Major, AUS - O-931606.

TO : Director
Office of Strategic Services
Washington 25, D.C.

1. Pursuant to Para. 1, S.O. 86, cs, Hq. IBT, APO #885, dated 27 March 1945, subject officer entered on active duty.

For the STRATEGIC SERVICES OFFICER

Richard S. Greenlee
Major, AUS

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Sgd

March 28, 1945

Lt. Ed Wilson

TO: ~~[illegible]~~

FROM: Colonel Hoffmann

SUBJECT: Major Greenlee

Inasmuch as Major Greenlee is doing work for all branches inside Thailand, I thought it would be better for him as well as the organization in general to be put on a higher echelon than the branch echelon.

Dick is now on the SO Branch and I do not want any branch-feeling to blemish his fine record and his good work. When he was here he felt that his position with the branch was embarrassing him some.

I would recommend that he be considered as general OSS representative in Thailand even though the SO Branch can continue to service him. Any memorandum or order that the General would issue I am sure would be appreciated by Greenlee.

CARL [illegible] HOFFMANN
Lt. Colonel, AUS
Chief, SO

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HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT 404
India-Burma Theater
APO #432, NY, NY.

28 March 1945

Dear General:

My commission just came through. I wish to express my gratitude for all you have done in helping me to obtain my commission. I know that without your very grand letter of recommendation it would not have been possible.

I will do everything I can to demonstrate that your confidence was not misplaced.

Please give my regards to any of my friends of No. 2 Hall whom you may see.

Sincerely,

Dick Greenlee

Maj. Gen. William J. [illegible]
1647 30th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

[illegible]

To: Miss Allison

For your information and return, per request. Thank you.

3/17/45 J. L. Allison

Director's Office

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5 March 1945

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Appointment in the AUS

TO : President, Officer's Board, OSS

1. My attention has been called to the fact that Mr. Richard S. Greenlee, of this Agency, is being recommended for appointment in the Army of the United States in the grade of Major.

2. I have known Mr. Greenlee for several years. He is a graduate of Harvard Law School with the degree LLB and is a member of the District of Columbia, New York State, and the Federal [illegible]. Prior to his employment by this Agency he was a successful attorney in both Washington, D. C., and New York City. From September [illegible] to September 1942 he served as an attorney for the United States Board of Tax Appeals.

3. On 16 February 1944, Mr. Greenlee came to this Agency as a volunteer for a hazardous overseas mission in the Far East. He subsequently went into enemy occupied Thailand to gather political and military information on movements and operations of Japanese in that and adjacent countries. He is personally acquainted with the Regent of Thailand and other high Thai officials in that country and with the Thai Minister in Washington, D. C. These contacts are proving highly beneficial to this Agency and to the United States Government.

4. I have the highest regard for Mr. Greenlee's character, [illegible] and [illegible] qualities. He is a very conscientious, intelligent and capable individual who is well qualified to become an officer in the Army of the United States. His appointment would be in the best interests of the Service.

5. Mr. Greenlee will be reinfiltrated into Thailand in the near future to head the activities of this organization in that [illegible]. In this position he will be the senior representative of the [illegible] Government in Thailand. In order that he may [illegible] this government and maintain the dignity with the [illegible] officials with whom he will be in daily contact, [illegible] that he be appointed to a commission in the grade [illegible]

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William J. Donovan
Director

Greenlee

13 April 1944

MEMORANDUM TO Richard S. Greenlee

SUBJECT: Orders

1. You are hereby authorized and directed to proceed to the destination indicated in your military orders, where you will report to the Chief, Office of Strategic Services, for that Theater of Operations. You are, thereafter, to act under the instructions of the Chief, Office of Strategic Services for such Theater.

William J. Donovan
Director, OSS

APPROVED:

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APPROVED:

J. M. Scribner
Deputy Director, SSO

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Refer to 109's cable #74531 and arrange for earliest return of Griswold.

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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TO: The Director

VIA: Deputy Director, SSO

cc: Mr. David Williamson

FROM: Chief, MO

Date: 13 October 1944

1. For the sake of the record, it is desired to place in your files a copy of the memorandum, dated 19 June 1944, which Col. Glavin addressed to Gen. Cochet regarding the attachment of Lt. Col. Griswold and Mr. R. Guthrie to his headquarters in the capacity of liaison officers.

2. Upon my arrival in Algiers on 3 August, it was determined that no action had been taken, but on 7 August a letter from Gen. Cochet was secured accepting the attachment of the persons in question.

3. A subsequent memorandum was left with the H.Q. 2677th Regiment, OSS Provisional, requesting that orders be issued directing this attachment. Upon returning to Washington, I learned that Mr. Guthrie is on his way home and that Lt. Col. Griswold has found other employment.

4. It is regretted that this liaison mission was not successful in spite of the efforts of all concerned.

KDMann

K. D. Mann, Col. A.U.S.
Chief, MO

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HEADQUARTERS
2677th REGIMENT OSS (PROVISIONAL)
APO 512 U.S.ARMY

le 19 juin 1944

Le Colonel Glavin, Commandant
le 2677th Regiment, OSS (Prov)

Monsieur le General de Division de l'Armee de l'Air Cochet
Delegue Militaire pour le Zone d'Operations Sud

Mon General,

Comme suite a l'entretien que vous avez bien voulu accorder au Colonel Huntington et au Capitaine Dewey, je vous adresse cette lettre pour vous exprimer mes remerciements pour l'aimable accueil que vous leur avez reserve.

J'ai l'impression que si le Lt. Colonel Griswold et M. Guthrie avaient l'honneur d'etre attaches a votre Etat Major comme officiers de Liaison Americains, cela constituerait une parfaite interpretation de la pensee du General Donovan. Comme Le Colonel Huntington a ete charge de vous le dire, une telle mission d'attaches au Quartier General Francais a deja ete approuvee par le General de Gaulle, au cours d'un entretien qu'il avait bien voulu accorder au General Donovan en janvier dernier.

Le General Donovan, en effet, a juge utile que des Americains, parlant le Francais, aimant et connaissant la France, y ayant combattu et vecu pendant et apres la Grande Guerre de 1914-18 pourraient travailler a l'amelioration des relations Franco-Americaines, civiles autant que militaire. Connaissant bien les Services Americains, ces Messieurs d'age sur et de comprehension parfaite, pourraient, j'en suis certain, etre tres utiles pour le maintien de l'excellence des relations Franco-Americaines.

Dans le cas ou ces messieurs pourraient vous servir, mon General, ils seraient detaches de notre organisation et mis a la disposition de votre quartier general en qualite d'officiers de liaison.

Veuillez agreer, Mon General, l'expression de ma tres haute consideration.

EDWARD J. F. GLAVIN
Colonel, Infantry
Commanding

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GOUVERNEMENT PROVISOIRE

LE DELEGUE MILITAIRE
POUR LE
THEATRE D'OPERATIONS
SUD

No 102 DMO/S

REPUBLIQUE FRANCAISE

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ALGER, le [illegible]

Le Général de Division Aérienne COCHET
Délégué Militaire pour le Théâtre d'Opérations [illegible]

à

Monsieur le Colonel GLAVIN
Commandant le 2677th Regiment OSS (Prov.)

Mon Cher Colonel,

J'apprends par votre lettre du 1[illegible] JUIN que vous [illegible] détacher auprès de mon État-Major le Lieutenant-Colonel [illegible] et Monsieur GUTHRIE.

J'accepte, en principe, votre proposition [illegible] d'avoir choisi pour vous représenter de telles personnalités. [illegible] doute pas, en effet, qu'elles ne rendent [illegible] services et qu'elles ne contribuent à favoriser la bonne entente franco-américaine et la camaraderie entre nos deux Armées.

Je me propose de faire appel au Lieutenant-Colonel [illegible] et à Monsieur GUTHRIE aux prochains jours, dès que mon État-Major sera en activité.

En vous renouvelant tous mes remerciements, [illegible] la croire, mon Cher Colonel, à la cordialité de mes sentiments.

Signé COCHET

[illegible] - CFLN - Le Délégué Militaire pour le Théâtre d'Opérations Sud

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DATE OCTOBER 7, 1944

IN 22136

FROM [illegible], [illegible]

TO OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

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INFORMATION DONOVAN, SECRETARIAT, MAGRUDER, BIGELOW, ETC, X-2.

PRIORITY. TO HOFFMAN FROM MILLER.

REFERENCE YOUR #[illegible]1.

1. [illegible] IS IN FIELD WITH 7TH ARMY. BELIEVE HIS DUTIES WILL BE COMPLETED IN ABOUT 30 DAYS AND WILL THEN BE AVAILABLE FOR FAR EAST. DO YOU WANT HIM? REQUEST REPLY, BUT DIFFICULT COMMUNICATE WITH FIELD.

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[illegible] To 109, Caserta and London from Cheston.

Are you aware of fact that Colonel Griswold's position was [illegible] by statement to him by Caffey in front of General [illegible] that Griswold had no business being where he was? This information was contained in letter from Griswold to Bigelow.

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#[illegible]06, To 109, Caserta and London, from Cheston.

Are you aware of fact that Colonel Griswold's position was compromised by statement to him by Caffey in front of General Cochet that Griswold had no business being where he was. This information was contained in letter from Griswold to Bigelow.

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[illegible] To 109 from Bigelow and Williamson.

[illegible] received from Lt. Col. Griswold indicates [illegible] in spite tireless efforts, unable accomplish [illegible] by you. They have tried to communicate with [illegible] return Dartmouth by September 15 unless [illegible] contemplated. Griswold anxious receive [illegible] will you see them?

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SIGNATURE OF RELEASING OFFICER

COMPANY "A", REAR ECHELON
2677th REGIMENT, OSS (PROVISIONAL)
APO 534, U.S. ARMY

[illegible] August 1944

copy to SSO -

To: The Director, OSS

Attention: Lt. Col. Edward Bigelow

Subject: Memorandum from Lt. Col. Griswold

During discussions in Washington concerning the mission of Lt. Col. Griswold and Mr. Guthrie, the writer repeatedly emphasized the necessity for clearing our position with AFHQ. We were given assurance that this was already, or soon would be, effected. On arrival Algiers, Col. GLAVIN stated that on his next, and early trip to Italy he would clear this matter with Gen. DEVERS. He remained in Italy two or three weeks but did not settle the matter and may not even have discussed it. On his return, plans were changed and Col. Huntington was charged with supervision over arrangements in respect to us.

We had originally been told by General DONOVAN that we were to accompany Gen. DE LATTRE'S army, also that we were to act as liaison regarding OSS activities, presumably S.O. and S.I., Jedburghs, etc. in connection with the RESISTANCE. Other OSS officers apparently were detailed for this duty, however, and Col. HUNTINGTON did not encourage our acquisition of knowledge concerning these activities, while our independent efforts to gain some knowledge of these activities were obstructed. He did, however, introduce us to Gen. COCHET, who had been nominated as the French general delegate for the regions of the south, in a capacity similar to that of Gen. KOENIG in the north. Messages were exchanged between Col. HUNTINGTON and Gen. COCHET in regard to our presence with the latter and the General agreed that he would call for us as soon as his Headquarters should be activated.

Things dragged on until Col. HUNTINGTON told us that he believed, as a result of inquiries made for him by Lt. Col. DAVID KING, that French officials were not desirous of having any OSS officers attached to Gen. COCHET's Staff. With Col. HUNTINGTON's permission, we thereupon approached certain French [illegible] officials with whom we had made contact, with the result that Gen. COCHET was instructed to accept us. Col. HUNTINGTON was informed of this, and in reply to our questions, declared categorically that he was in a position to arrange for any necessary approval by AFHQ.

Upon Col. MANN's arrival, we showed him the letter from Gen. COCHET accepting us in principal as liaison officers. Col. MANN then discussed the matter with Col. Lawrence HIGGINS, liaison officer with AFHQ, who stated that approval of Gen. CAFFEY would be necessary. Col. MANN then told us that he would see Gen. CAFFEY in Italy and secure the necessary authorization. Shortly afterwards we received letter orders signed by Col. GLAVIN detaching us for service with Gen. COCHET. Pursuant to these we went to Gen. COCHET's headquarters at his request on 16th August, in order to make the acquaintance of his staff and to familiarize ourselves with our proposed duties. While we were there, Gen. CAFFEY, who was in conference with Gen. COCHET, sent for me and in no uncertain terms asked for an explanation of our mission and our presence and stated that we had no business there. I asked him if Col. MANN had not discussed the matter with him; and he replied that he had seen Col. MANN and talked with him, but that the latter had not mentioned us.

As the above took place in front of Gen. COCHET we feel that our position with him is now very much compromised. We immediately sent a signal to Gen. DONOVAN and to Col. GLAVIN describing this event and expressing our belief that unless the hearty sponsorship of our mission on the part of Gen. CAFFEY is promptly secured, and unless Gen. DONOVAN considers our mission to be of high importance and will implement it accordingly, we feel it desirable that we be recalled to the United States.

It is probably, however, that this signal will not reach Gen. DONOVAN until after considerable delay. If Mr. [illegible] is to take up his duties at Dartmouth University, he must be there by 15th November or wait until February. It is important, therefore, that if his work is considered no longer essential to OSS, orders for his return be initiated at once, repeat at once. The writer, Lt. Col. Griswold, feels that without Mr. [illegible] as team partner, his own service, as previously envisaged, would be of very limited usefulness. Both of us have been largely idle for the past three months. Our only reason for having hesitated to ask for recall earlier, on account of circumstances and the way our activities have been handled (i.e. the brush-off courteously administered), is that certain high French civil authorities have expressed the conviction that our presence in France would contribute towards the easing of possible tensions. We feel that these persons were sincere, at any rate they were insistent.

The writer would much prefer an assignment in the field and not at any large headquarters where I have already spent so many idle months, both with the Air Corps and with OSS. The assignment with the French as hitherto planned, under present circumstances, does not promise to be useful. I would much rather be assigned to work at some small post inside the Balkans or Turkey, or possibly near Indo-China, where activities are not already overmanned. If such assignment is not available I would prefer, in lieu of duty in Washington, to be relieved from active service with the Army and be returned to civil life.

ROGER GRISWOLD,
Lt. Col., A.C., AUS.

HEADQUARTERS
2677th REGIMENT OSS (PROVISIONAL)
APO 512, U. S. ARMY

[illegible] le 13 juin 1944

La Colonel Glavin, Commandant
le 2677th Regiment, OSS (Prov.)

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Monsieur le General de Division de l'Armee de L'Air Cochet
Delegue Militaire pour la Zone d'Operations Sud

Mon General,

Comme suite a l'entretien que vous avez bien voulu accorder au Colonel Huntington et au Capitaine Dewey, je vous adresse cette lettre pour vous exprimer mes remerciements pour l'aimable accueil que vous leur avez reserve.

J'ai l'impression que si le Lt. Colonel Griswold et M. Guthrie avaient l'honneur d'etre attaches a votre Etat Major comme officiers de Liaison Americains, cela constituerait une parfaite interpretation de la pensee du General Donovan. Comme le Colonel Huntington a ete charge de vous le dire, une telle mission d'attaches au Quartier General Francais a deja ete approuvee par le General de Gaulle, au cours d'un entretien qu'il avait bien voulu accorder au General Donovan en Janvier dernier.

Le General Donovan, en effet, a juge utile que des Americains, parlant le Francais, aimant et connaissant la France, y ayant combattu et vecu pendant et apres la Grande Guerre de 1914-18 pourraient travailler a l'amelioration des relations Franco-Americaines, civiles autant que militaires. Connaissant bien les Services Americains, ces Messieurs d'age mur et de comprehension parfaite, pourraient, j'en suis certain, etre tres utiles pour le maintien de l'excellence des relations Franco-Americaines.

Dans le cas ou ces messieurs pourraient vous servir, mon General, ils seraient detaches de notre organisation et mis a la disposition de votre quartier general en qualite d'officiers de liaison.

Veuillez agreer, mon General, l'expression de ma tres haute consideration.

EDWARD J. F. GLAVIN
Colonel, Infantry
Commanding

[illegible]

[illegible]

N° 132 [illegible]

ALGER, le [illegible]

Le Général [illegible] Division [illegible]

[illegible]

Monsieur le Colonel [illegible]

Commandant [illegible]

Mon Cher Colonel,

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Monsieur GUTHRIE.

[illegible] l'avoir choisi pour vous [illegible] leur pas, en effet, qu'elles [illegible] services et qu'elles [illegible] américaine et la camaraderie [illegible]

Je me propose de faire appel [illegible] Monsieur GUTHRIE aux prochaines [illegible] ses activités.

Je vous renouvelle [illegible] croire, mon Cher Colonel, à l'expression [illegible]

Signé [illegible]

[illegible] - C.M.S. - [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Order for Col Griswold & [illegible] issued [illegible] called for Gen Cochet [illegible] Gen Cochet [illegible] This document [illegible] unacceptable [illegible] as it was [illegible] for [illegible]

HEADQUARTERS, 2677th REGIMENT, OSS (PROV.)
APO 534, U.S. ARMY

7 August 1944.

SUBJECT: ORDERS

TO : Lt. Col. Roger Griswold, 0-901715, AC, AUS
Mr. Ramon Guthrie

1. Reference is made to letter, Headquarters 2677th Regiment, OSS (Prov.), APO 512, U.S. Army, 19 June 1944 to Monsieur le General de Division de l'Armee de l'Air Cochet, Delegue Militaire pour le Zone d'Operations Sud, which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, also to letter, Gouvernement Provisoire, Le Delegue Militaire pour le Theatre d'Operations Sud, Alger le 7 Aout 1944, Le General de Division Aerienne Cochet a Monsieur le Colonel Glavin, Commandant le 2677th Regiment, OSS (Prov.), attached hereto as Exhibit B, accepting the appointment of subject personnel as liaison officers between the Office of Strategic Services and Le Delegue Militaire pour le Theatre d'Operations Sud.

2. Pursuant to the agreement set forth in the exchange of memoranda referenced in paragraph 1 above, you are hereby attached to the office of General Cochet and are authorized to perform such travel within the limits of Allied Force Headquarters as may be necessary to accomplish this mission.

E. J. F. GLAVIN,
Colonel, Infantry,
Commanding.

16 August 1944

To Caserta

From Algiers

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Donovan and Glavin from Griswold and Guthrie.

We went to French headquarters this morning following your instructions of August 7th, and while there were called in by General Caffey who at the moment was conferring with General Cochet. General Caffey requested us for an explanation of our presence and our mission upon which he told us that the orders covering our assignments were not appropriate unless coming from the Theater Commander. He went on to say that our affairs with him had not been expedited by Colonel Mann, yet Colonel Mann had told us that this would certainly be done. Since our status with AFHQ has lacked being properly expedited during the past three months, we believe that serious doubts exist concerning our mission's value. Since our talk with Caffey took place in the presence of General Cochet we do not believe that the assignment would be in any way advisable without General Caffey's hearty sponsorship. Therefore we believe it to be best that we be recalled unless General Donovan feels that our mission is of the utmost importance and should thus be facilitated.

Led called Theo at [illegible]
despatch [illegible] and received on 23 Au[illegible]

AIR DISPATCH

From: Caserta

19 August 1944

To : Algiers and London

ADA - 26
ADL - 6

Recd 23

GLAVIN TO GRISWOLD AND GUTHRIE Info 109, London

I hope contents of your #6 were discussed with 109 while he was with you. I have discussed it with General Nooe today and following points must be clearly understood:

1. Colonel Griswold and Mr. Guthrie are on T/D with Company A of this regiment.

2. They are assigned to duty with French SI Desk, Algiers.

3. Their arrival in this theater for this purpose was approved by AFHQ when TCA was granted.

4. Purpose of their mission was subject of discussion with G-2, AFHQ who offered no objection to the continued efforts to be made to undertake the mission.

5. The Commanding General of the French Armed Forces was informed and granted approval.

6. They have been accepted by General Cochet for assignment with him and with the FFI.

7. They should be sent forward to join Company A at the staging area at Naples with approval of 7th Army to go forward to lodgement area or if General Cochet approves, they should remain at Algiers with rear echelon of Company A.

See my cable sent today to General Cochet. Keep me informed thru Colonel Rodrigo as to progress made. Confirmation copies of this message have been sent to General Roderick and General Nooe for General Caffey.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

APO 512

Suggested form of orders to be
taken up with AFHQ by Col [illegible]

25 August 1944

SUBJECT: Travel Orders.

TO : Lt. Col. Roger Griswold, O-901715, AC, OSS War Department,
Attchd. 2677th Regt OSS (Prov)
Mr. Ramon Guthrie, American Civilian.

1. Le General de Division Aerienne Cochet, Delegue Militaire pour le Theatre d'Operations Sud, having accepted the attachment to his staff in a liaison capacity the above named Officer and American Civilain, each is ordered to report to General Cochet on Temporary Duty for an indefinite period.

2. Travel is authorised to such places within the limits of this theater as may be necessary for the accomplishment of this mission. Travel by military or naval aircraft, army or naval transport, commercial steamship, belligerent vessel or aircraft, rail, or surface vehicle is authorised. In lieu of subsistence a flat per diem of $ is authorised while serving with the French Army.

3. A baggage allowance of one hundred (100) pounds is authorised while traveling by aircraft.

By command of General WILSON:

F. C. PISHON
Lt. Col., AGD
Asst Adj Gen.

Col. Glavin declared that he sent [illegible] message. It was received and dispatched on 23 Aug by which time Gen COCHET had left Algiers. Gen COCHET's chef de cabinet declared that this message did not constitute an order from AFHQ as Gen CAFFEY had stated would be necessary.

AIR DISPATCH

From: Caserta

19 August 1944

To : Algiers and London

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[illegible]
ADL 9

GLAVIN TO GENERAL COCHET VIA OSS ALGIERS
Info 109 London

G-3 section of AFHQ has been informed that Colonel Griswold and Mr. Guthrie are members of American OSS unit working with invasion forces with particular reference to your own headquarters and to the headquarters of the French armed forces. Request that you secure from General deLattre de Tassigny authority for these two officers to proceed to join his headquarters in the invasion area: as alternative recommend that these officers accompany your forces or go forward to join your chief of staff. They have full confidence of General Donovan. Their position remains unchanged and we consider they can be of great help to you and to France. Will you please advise me.

He also stated that Gen COCHET had no contact whatever with Gen. De Lattre

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18 May 1944

TO : Col. W. L. Rehm

FROM : G. Edward Buxton

SUBJECT: Funds for French Mission

Lt. Col. Roger Griswold and Mr. Ramon Guthrie have been sent as liaison to French Army Headquarters in Africa by order of the Director.

In order to provide for emergency expenses of these individuals, please allocate the sum of $2,000 from Special Funds. Five hundred dollars of this fund is to be made available during the fiscal year ending 30 June 1944 and $1,500 during the fiscal year ending 30 June 1945.

This money is to be made available to Lt. Col. Roger Griswold through the OSS paymaster in Algiers.

G. Edward Buxton
Acting Director

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

May 18, 1944

To: Col. W. L. Rehm

From: G. Edward Buxton

Subject: Funds for French Mission

Lt. Col. Roger Griswold and Mr. Ramon Guthrie have been sent ~~on a mission~~ to the French Army by order of the Director. [illegible] [illegible] in Africa

[illegible] In order to provide for emergency expenses of ~~this Mission~~, [illegible] please allocate the sum of $2,000. from Special Funds. $500. of this fund is to be made available during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1944 and $1500. during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1945.

This money is to be made available to ~~the head of the Mission~~, Lt. Col. Roger Griswold, through the (OSS) paymaster in Algiers.

approved
[illegible]
Exec SSO
22 May 1943

G. Edward Buxton
Acting Director

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Commanding Officer,
Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment
OSS Theater Officer

19 May 1944

Transfer of Personnel

The transfer of Lt. Colonel Roger Griswold from MO-NATO to the Director's Office-USA has been approved.

For the Director:

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Atherton Richards,
Colonel, AUS
OSS Theater Officer

Attachments:
Transferring Lt. Col.
Roger Griswold
Director's Office
[illegible]
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18 May 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR LT. COLONEL ROGER GRISWOLD
and MR. BARON GUTHRIE

Subject: Orders

You are designated as Liaison Officers to proceed to Algiers and upon arrival to report to Colonel Glavin, Strategic Services Officer, Mediterranean Theater. Colonel Glavin has been advised to make the necessary arrangements to have you both presented to General De Gaulle and General De Lattre, and endeavor to have you attached to the French Forces.

You are to act as liaison from the Office of Strategic Services to the Commander in the Field, and in general your purpose will be:

1. To suggest methods that will strengthen the cooperation of the units with the French Army in supporting French Resistance Groups.

2. To improve relations between the Americans and the French both military and civilian, so far as OSS assignments or duties are affected.

Colonel Glavin has been advised that you are to be used as military liaison officers in the ordinary sense but are acting for Colonel Glavin with the French Command in making available our facilities and techniques in the progress of the campaign.

You will keep Colonel Glavin advised of your progress, and you will discuss with him the necessary communication arrangements.

William J. Donovan
Director

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Dun — to Plein

Thanks for your 33794
You will recall that
de Lattre originated the
idea in a talk with
Pleven & with me. ~~You will understand that
this tour is to transport
our people to the [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible]~~

OSS FORM [illegible]

Engels

DATE 5 May 1944

TO: Lt. Colonel Mann

Remarks:

Herewith I send you the papers relative to the so-called Griswold Mission. [illegible] reports that Griswold will be in Washington on Monday. When it is definitely determined that he is on hand, I will be glad to make an appointment with General [illegible] so that we all can listen to the briefing.

The General is out of town until Monday morning so it may not be possible to [illegible] him these papers before we have our [illegible].

Cable Sent

E. L. S.

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR, [illegible]

[illegible]

Accession No. ....

Date Rec'd. SA..................

[illegible]	[illegible]	Date [illegible]		Officer's Initials	Comments
					Col. [illegible] [illegible] in the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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To: Col. E. J. F. Glavin Date: 3 May 1944

From: The Director

Subject: OSS Mission to French Army

1. Attached hereto are copies of the directive to Lt. Col. Roger Griswold, designating him head of an OSS mission to Gen. deGaulle. One copy is for the Chief of the MO Branch, Mr. Eugene Warner.

2. You are requested to make the necessary arrangements to present this mission to Gen. de Gaulle (or his representative) and to attach it to the French forces. It will be necessary to secure the prior approval of Gen. Devers for this mission and to arrange for the issuance of appropriate AFHQ orders defining the status of the mission.

3. In order that Lt. Col. Griswold and Mr. Guthrie can make such reports as are necessary, you are requested to arrange with the French forces a channel of communication, whereby the mission's messages will reach you for forwarding to me in Washington.

4. It is further requested that you take the necessary steps to service this mission, especially in the matter of pay and expense money.

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
WASHINGTON, D. C

To: Lt. Col. Roger Griswold　　Date: 5 May 1944

From: The Director

Subject: OSS Mission to the French Army

You are hereby designated as head of an OSS mission to General de Gaulle. This mission will report to me through the MO Branch.

You will proceed to Algiers and upon arrival report to Col. Glavin, OSS representative, Mediterranean Theater. This assignment is temporary. Col. Glavin is being requested to make the necessary arrangements to have your mission presented to Gen. deGaulle and to have you attached to the French Forces. The necessary authorization from Allied Force Headquarters for this will be arranged by Col. Glavin.

The following are the objectives of your mission:

1. Primary Aim:

To interpret to the French Resistance Groups the United States point of view with respect to the pending invasion of France, pointing out how the Resistance can help the United States (rather than how the United States can help France).

2. Secondary Aims:

To report periodically on the morale, attitudes and opinions of the French Resistance and other French people with which your mission comes in contact;

To explore the possibilities of using MO techniques from French bases inside or outside France, with recommendations on the advisability of attaching MO teams to French units;

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To report any pertinent facts that may come to your attention and to make recommendations, based on your observations, as to how OSS services could further utilize the French Forces or the Resistance.

In order to be able to communicate with OSS Headquarters, Algiers, Col. Glavin will be asked to arrange with the French Command a method for transmitting your messages to him.

In order to provide for emergency expenses of your mission, such as entertainment of French officers or officials, the sum of $2000 has been allocated your mission from Special Funds. You will account for expenditures from this fund in the usual way.

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Name	Lt. Col. Roger Griswold
Legal Address	65 Goddard Avenue, Brookline, Mass.
Nationality	American
Date of Birth	May 9, 1892
Marital Status	Married Children: 4
Physical Description	Age: 51 Sex: Male Race: White Height: 5' 10-3/4" Weight: 207 Eyes: Brown Hair: Brown Complexion: Ruddy Scars: Small scar under lip Build: Stocky Other distinguishing features: tatoo - both upper arms
Technical Skill	Architect and executive. Treasurer of the firm of Griswold & Gulick, Inc., from 1932 to 1943.
Military Background	American Field Service; Ambulance driver, January to August 1916. Captain, Field Artillery, U.S.A., June 5, 1917 to July 30, 1919. Remarks on above: Was provisional 1st Lt., then temporary Captain in the Regular Army. Resigned commission at own request in 1919.

TO: Lt Col Bigelow

Herewith orders to Glavin & to Roger, for Gen. D's signature.

D.W. 5/9

Pls. return [illegible] cable sent WJD

FROM: [illegible] EXT.

(92816)

[illegible]

5/22

General Donovan

Mr. [illegible], Ext. 2529, telephoned [illegible] the [illegible] memorandum, urging [illegible] as soon as possible, as Mr. [illegible] and Lt. [illegible] have been cleared and are due to leave the early part of next week.

[illegible]

[illegible] cable to [illegible] [illegible] of Donovan

[illegible]

and to accompany them in the invasion.

a) Among the objectives of this mission are:

1) to improve relations between the Americans and the French, both military and civilian;

2) to dispel any misunderstandings on the part of the French of American motives and intentions with regard to France;

3) to discover what grievances the French entertain against the Americans and to [illegible] what steps may be taken to remedy them;

4) to attempt to obviate or [illegible] [illegible] misunderstandings that [illegible] between the French and the Americans in the future conduct of this war;

5) to learn first-hand and to report upon the work in which the French [illegible] the Americans against the Germans;

6) to determine and report to what extent the French are and will co-operate [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] the various [illegible] of the war.

[illegible]

[illegible] is [illegible] as far as the American and British military [illegible] are concerned, in order to preserve the freedom of action. (This applies to the State Department and OWI as well.) To this end it has been suggested that we announce that we are MO and have been sent to carry out a self-[illegible] and subversive campaign the details of which we are not at liberty to reveal. We feel, however, that word of this would inevitably reach the French and make them so suspicious of us as to render us unfit to work for them (which is our real purpose). Consequently, we propose that we travel as an OSS [illegible] Mission, without revealing unnecessarily our affiliation with MO. For this reason we understand that it will be advisable for us to address our communications to the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] ([illegible]) rather than to this Branch.

In connection with the matter of cover, the point is that our work is to be "[illegible]" [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible]. Our natural guidance and sincere [illegible] for the French are probably the best cover that we could have.

III. [illegible]

We are [illegible] [illegible] that neither the French nor the OWI nor [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] by being sent to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible]

(28)

27 March 1944

Mr. T. J. Grant
[illegible] California Street, N. W.
Washington 8, D. C.

Dear Mr. Grant:

Your letter of 20 February 1944 addressed to General Donovan has been referred to this office for reply.

In order that your qualifications may receive full consideration, we would like to have a statement of your training and experience on the enclosed Application for Federal Employment.

If you will complete the form and return it to us, you may be sure that you will receive every consideration with regard to employment in this agency.

Very truly yours,

Paul E. Queen, Acting Chief
Employment & Placement Division

Enclosure - Form 57

cc: [illegible] - Secretariat
[illegible] O'Donnell - Director's Office

[illegible]:JHS:abc

1 March 1944

TO: Mr. Cheston

FROM: Lt. Colonel D. H. Gregory

SUBJECT: Ernest [illegible], ASN [illegible]

1. Request was forwarded on this subject on 26 February 1944. This soldier's services could be utilized by R & A Branch. In attempting to determine his availability, it was learned in addition to his being in a Replacement Training Center that he has a shipping date, as an alternate for March 4. In the event he is not used on that shipment, will go out on the next following shipment.

2. Unless there are unusual reasons advanced for his transfer to OSS it will be most difficult to obtain his release.

3. In the opinion of the interviewing officer such unusual qualifications are not present in this candidate, as men with superior qualifications have been requested from Replacement Training Centers and their release has been declined by G-1, Army Ground Forces.

For the Director:

D. H. Gregory
Lt. Colonel, AGD
Acting Chief, Personnel Procurement Branch.

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

INTEROFFICE MEMO

TO: General W. J. Donovan **DATE:** 28 Feb 1944

FROM: Charles S.Cheston

SUBJECT Private Ernest Gross

You asked me to have Private Ernest Gross interviewed, whose name was submitted to you by Mrs. Rosenberg.

You will note from the attached memorandum from Colonel Connely that Gross was interviewed on the 25th of February, and that he is subject to possible orders for immediate overseas duty with the Engineers as an alternate.

If he is not sent overseas in the near future, we will endeavor to obtain him for R & A.

CSC

Charles S.Cheston

CSC:B

Attachment

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

INTEROFFICE MEMO

JBS mrb

TO: Mr. Cheston.

DATE: 26 February 1944.

FROM: Col. Connely.

SUBJECT: Private Ernest Gross, 32[illegible]34156.

1. This soldier was interviewed by Major Smith 25 February and found to have certain qualifications that are of interest to OSS.

2. He has an AB and MA degree in Geography. He instructed for [illegible] years in this subject at the University of Nebraska while obtaining MA degree.

3. He has been in the newspaper field for 7 years, his most important assignments being labor and manpower in and around Buffalo, where he covered conditions during an acute period. He has also prepared radio script, selecting himself the topic and wording and broadcasting for Esso newscaster at Buffalo and to some extent for a local station at Lincoln, Nebraska.

4. Has completed basic training for combat engineers and feels that he is as well qualified for combat engineers as any other field type organization. He is not opposed to going overseas in his present outfit, but feels that his knowledge of writing and/or geography might be more useful to some other element of the Armed Forces, though apparently he has made no great effort to get out of his present Army outfit.

5. Soldier was submitted to MO, but his linguistic ability did not meet their qualifications as they desire to fill remaining slots for enlisted men with soldiers fluent in foreign tongues, whereas this man has an understanding only of Hungarian and German.

6. He was then submitted to R & A where 2 elements of that branch feel that his services would be valuable to them in an overseas assignment, and they are preparing necessary request that he be ordered into OSS by Procurement Branch.

7. Soldier is an alternate on an overseas shipment and also in a Replacement Training Center, which is going to make it very difficult for OSS to obtain his release.

8. Only yesterday we were again instructed by G-3 to ask for men out of Replacement Training Centers only in most unusual cases.

9. Further development will be reported to you.

[illegible] FEB 29 [illegible]

E F Connely
E. F. CONNELY,
Colonel, FA,
Chief, Personnel Procurement Branch.

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NAVY JG

ASST DIRECTOR
FCC FOREIGN
INTELLIGENCE
BROADCAST
[illegible]

SEAC
MIGHT BE GLAD TO
COME BACK
[illegible] ?
COUNSEL ?

PROSPECT

11,6 [illegible]
[illegible]

Thinks recommended Greene highly; thinks he would like to come back. Dick thinks he is very valuable in theater. He suggested, however, that a cable leaving the decision clearly to Taylor + [illegible], might be sent. Dick agrees as to his ability.

RT

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Colonel Heppner

DATE: 16 December 44

FROM : The Secretariat

SUBJECT:

Bob Thrun has asked us if we would secure your opinion on the ability and intelligence of an officer named Graves, who we understand is a Lt. (jg) on duty in SEAC.

Bob is considering, if this officer is young and able, whether he could be requested to return to Washington, for duty as Bob's assistant in the Executive Office.

C A Bane

C. A. Bane

Bob:

Dick Heppner says that Graves is a very able officer but that I would be unhappy to recall him — he is a key man — planning operations in an assignment to Seagrave.

CAB

[illegible]

May 18, 1943

From: The Director of Strategic Services.
To: The Chief of Naval Personnel.

Subject: Harold N. Graves, Jr.

1. Mr. Graves is applying for a commission in the U. S. Naval Reserve. He is employed by the Federal Communications Commission.

2. If qualified for appointment and is appointed, it is requested that he be certified and ordered to the Office of Strategic Services for assignment.

3. Mr. Graves is recommended as being qualified under Special Program No. 20-41.

4. The nature of Mr. Graves' duties will be such as to warrant a waiver of any non-organic physical defect and it is requested that such waiver, if required, be granted.

5. Mr. Graves' address is:

Federal Communications Commission,
Washington, D. C.

William J. Donovan.

ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

Accession No. B/DIR-813

Date Rec'd. SA...............

[illegible] AUG 28 15 02

[illegible]	Room No.	Date Rec'd.	Date Fwd'd.	Officer's Initials	Comments
[illegible]				[illegible]	
Charlton	21 [illegible]			CR	
Lt. John Wilson					Please [illegible] of [illegible] Mr. [illegible] [illegible]
J.L.					This [illegible] with Jim [illegible]
[illegible]		For file			No action is required on this inasmuch as [illegible] is returning for Discharge. GDW

[illegible] with number in To column. [illegible] each comment. [illegible] in To column. [illegible] insufficient) before further routing. [illegible] should be indicated in Comments column. [illegible] Registry. [illegible]

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F/DIR-713
7.611

13 August 1945

received

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Cheston
Washington

FROM: Robert P. Joyce
Bern Mission

SUBJECT: Assignment of Lt. Comdr. Edward J. Green

1. Your cable 794 was undoubtedly sent in reply to our brief cable and prior to receipt of the pouch letter explaining Lt. Comdr. Green's situation more in detail.

2. Although Green is willing to go directly to China in a couple of months if he is more urgently needed there, I should be most reluctant to have him go even at that date because it would necessitate my locating an adequate replacement--otherwise my operations will be greatly restricted by the multitude of administrative details in this office.

3. The developments of the last few days will undoubtedly have great bearing on this matter. In the meantime no plans are being made for Green's release until we get additional information from you.

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2 August 1945

MEMORANDUM

TO: Acting Director, OSS
Chief, SI/OSS
Executive Officer, OSS

FROM: Robert P. Joyce

SUBJECT: Assignment of Lt. Comdr. Edward J. Green.

1) Reference is made to Washington's cable Nr. 766 dated 24 July 1945 and Nr. 783 of 31 July, both relating to the assignment of Lt. Comdr. Edward J. Green to an administrative post in the Far East. Lt. Comdr. Green addressed to me on 27 July a memorandum, a copy of which is attached hereto, setting forth his views as to an assignment in the Far East. It will be noted that Lt. Comdr. Green indicates in his memorandum that his primary interest is to obtain an assignment where he can make the most valuable contribution, whether it be in Switzerland or in China.

2) I should like to state here that I am in accord with Paragraph 1 (b) of Lt. Comdr. Green's memorandum in which he analyzes the duties of Executive Officer to this Mission and sets forth his reasons why he considers that there is an important job to be done here by an Executive Officer, the position he now holds. I should like to add that Lt. Comdr. Green is eminently qualified, by virtue of his background, training and personal qualifications, for the successful accomplishment of his present duties. In the short time he has been here, he has already proved his efficiency and usefulness to this office. He was faced with the problem of completely reorganising the administrative procedures within this Mission, as well as handling all of the details relating to the assignment of the majority of the staff of this Mission to other duties outside of Switzerland and the arrangements for the entry of new members of the staff.

3) With regard to Paragraph 1 (c) of Lt. Comdr. Green's memorandum, I should like to state here that I am in entire agreement therewith. It is my feeling that his experience and record of accomplishment in the organization fully merit that any future assignment should be in the capacity of Executive Officer or a position of similar importance or responsibility. In this connection, it should be recalled that Lt. Comdr. Green performed

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excellently as commanding officer of our Bari base and later as Chief Personnel Officer for the Mediterranean Theater. It is my feeling that every effort should be made in Washington to obtain his promotion to the rank of Commander.

4) I am in further agreement with Lt. Comdr. Green that there is an important job to do here as Executive Officer and I should be most reluctant to see him leave here for another assignment. It is therefore my suggestion that more precise information be provided as to the nature of the position in the Far East. When such information is received, in consultation with Lt. Comdr. Green, I shall make a definite recommendation as to whether I consider he could make a greater contribution by remaining on as Executive Officer to the Swiss Mission or by being assigned to new duties in the Far East.

R. P. J.

Attachment
cc: Col. Heppner, Chungking

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27 July 1945

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Robert P. Joyce

SUBJECT: Assignment of Edward J. Green

1. Thank you very much for discussing and asking my opinion of Mr. Cheston's cable 766. Attached is a copy of my letter of 23 July to Mr. O'Gara which sets forth some of the important factors pertaining to my present and future assignments. These are summarized briefly below:

(a) My primary interest is to have an assignment where I can make the most valuable contribution and I do not care whether it is in Switzerland or China. It would be untruthful to say that I am not enjoying this location, but like many others, I am intrigued by the possibility of going to the Far East.

(b) Since discussing the Bern assignment with you several months ago, and particularly since arriving here on the fifth of July, I have been convinced that there is an important job to be done by someone with such qualifications as I possess. There has been a tremendous volume of administrative work in the reorganization of this unit. I am particularly impressed with the opportunity of running a small, but very high caliber show here and believe that it can be so organized that it will give a higher value per dollar than any other unit with which I have been associated. If the administrative work slacks up after the program is organized my previous training and experience both in civilian and military life would enable me to take over additional duties of an operational and intelligence nature. In other words, it seems to me that there is an important job for which I am qualified and I would be reluctant to leave at this point unless you wish to release me.

(c) While Col. Heppner's offer is most interesting, I would like to know more about the nature of the job before making a decision. As pointed out in the attached memorandum to Mr. O'Gara, I am somewhat handicapped by lack of rank since many Army officers with much less age, experience, and time in grade have passed me by due to Navy promotion policy. However, Admiral Jacobs has indicated that this might be rectified by special request. Frankly, I would not choose to leave this assignment for another administrative assignment in the Far East unless it were to be executive officer or a position of similar importance.

(d) Although I appreciate the offer of 30 days' leave in the States before proceeding to China, I would not ask to be released from this job within the next 60 days, and if needed for an important assignment in the Far East I should be willing to stay on until the latter part of September and go directly to China as Mr. Bland is planning to go.

Edward J. Green

EDWARD J. GREEN

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Berne, Switzerland
23 July 1945

Mr. John E. O'Gara
Deputy Director, Personnel
Office of Strategic Services
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. O'Gara,

Prior to my departure from Caserta I prepared and forwarded to you a brief report on the organization and operation of the Personnel Section at the 2677th Regiment, but I neglected to tell you how much I enjoyed the privilege of working under your general supervision. It is most unfortunate that you were not called to that position many months earlier as it would have prevented certain mistakes that were made in recruiting and personnel administration. However, it was a godsend that you took over when you did so you could help during this difficult period of re-deployment and reduction.

Upon my arrival in Berne I landed squarely in the middle of a very serious situation. We are not only confronted with an almost complete staff reorganization but also must reorient our entire program of operation. All of this must be done in the face of a drastic budget reduction. While I appreciate that our problems are miniscule compared with the agency problems as a whole, the situation is exceedingly difficult because our unit is so small that we do not have any margin and reduction of a few thousand dollars causes us to change our complete plan of operation.

Since so many of our problems directly involve personnel, I have been forwarding copies of the correspondence to your office so that you may be informed of developments. Both Mr. Joyce and I sincerely hope that the "powers that be" will see fit to grant approximately [illegible] to this unit, because it will take that much to carry out the work that could and should be done in this area. Everyone who has had direct contact with the work in Berne is most enthusiastic about the potentialities. Because of its location and history Switzerland is undoubtedly destined to continue its role as the center for international politics. An organization such as ours does not need a large show to cope with this problem but must have a high caliber staff with adequate financial resources if the work is to be carried out properly.

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At the present time it is difficult to determine whether I may be needed on this assignment for a few weeks or several months. It is fortunate, however, that I arrived when I did, because there is a considerable volume of administrative detail in attempting to reduce and reorganize. Moreover, Mr. Joyce needs twelve to fifteen hours a day to handle the hundreds of essential contacts and deal with policy matters. I have been able to relieve him of much of the burden of administrative detail so that he can devote his time to these more important matters for which he is so well qualified.

If the situation develops that I am no longer needed here, I do not care particularly what type of assignment I get or where I am sent as long as there is a real job to be done. The only thing that bothers me to some extent is the matter of rank. I have been in the Service since 29 February 1940, and during that time have been promoted from the equivalent of a first lieutenant to a major. Others with less age, experience, and service in other branches of the Armed Forces have passed me by. While this is not so important for a specialist in R&A or certain other branches, it is embarrassing if one is engaged in administrative work because of the customary system of organization. As you know my executive officer in Bari was a lieutenant colonel.

During the time that I was working in Caserta, I became well acquainted with General McNarney and Major General White (the G-1), and when General White discovered that Colonel Glavin had recommended me for a promotion he sent a personal letter to Admiral Jacobs, the Chief of Naval Personnel, with whom he had previously served on the Joint Army-Navy Personnel Board. In reply Admiral Jacobs said that my time in grade was not yet sufficient for the next promotion but indicated that favorable consideration would be given if a special request was made by O.S.S. In this assignment the additional rank is unimportant (except from a monetary point of view) as we all work in civilian status, but if I were to be given another assignment in military channels which called for the added rank, I would appreciate your seeing what could be done about this matter. The whole story will be reflected in my file at Bu. Pers.

After being with both the Navy and Army for so many months and having access to PX, Special Services, Army newspapers, and similar facilities, I feel quite apart from the rest of the world in this location, but thoroughly enjoy the job and Switzerland is almost beyond description. We are off the beaten track, however, and have relatively few contacts with Washington except through pouch and cable. I expect that everyone in O.S.S., Washington, is confronted with many serious problems which have been brought about by recent developments, but if there are some matters which should come to our attention, it would be much appreciated if one of the officers in your section could drop a note from time to time to bring us up-to-date.

Respectfully yours,

Edward J. Green

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Lt. W. T. M. Beale, Exec. Officer, S.I.

Lt. (j.g.) E. J. Putzell, Asst. Exec. Officer

Mrs. Margaret Griggs

3 November 1944

1. The Director has approved the promotion of Mrs. Margaret Griggs to the salary comparable with that paid for the Civil Service classification "CAF-13".

2. Approval has also been given to the payment by Special Funds Branch of the transportation charges for the travel on official business of Mrs. Griggs and her son from Washington to Paris, France.

3. The Director has further instructed that Mrs. Griggs be permitted to draw from Special Funds Branch not in excess of $400.00 per month for official business uses. All moneys drawn by her under this paragraph are to be accounted for in the customary manner.

4. The foregoing three paragraphs of this memorandum are to become effective upon the departure of Mrs. Griggs and her son from the United States to assume new duties in connection with the U. S. Embassy in Paris, France, which have been assigned her by the Director.

E.J.P.

cc: Special Funds Branch
Mrs. Margaret Griggs

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

INTEROFFICE MEMO

TO: Director, OSS

DATE: 26 October 1944

FROM: Executive Officer, SI

SUBJECT: Mrs. Margaret T. Griggs

As OSS Registrar, Mrs. Margaret T. Griggs was classified as CAF 12 at a salary of $4600

I am informed that you indicated that she should receive, in her new assignment as Attache to the American Embassy in France, the salary of the next higher grade.

It is respectfully requested that you confirm your approval of her classification at CAF 13 to receive a salary of $5600

WTM Beale
W. T. M. Beale
Lt. U.S.N.R.

O.K.
WJD

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Colonel Rehm

5 November 1943

Secretariat

Advance to Mrs. Margaret Griggs

You are hereby authorized to advance the sum of $[illegible] out of unvouchered funds to Mrs. Margaret Griggs. An account for this advance approved by me for General Donovan will be made to you by Mrs. Griggs.

D. C. L.

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Griggs Mrs. Margaret 11521

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May 10, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR MRS. MARGARET GRIGGS

Subject: Orders

1. You are hereby authorised and directed to proceed to San Francisco, California for the purpose of conferring with the Head of OSS Office California regarding the relations of the OSS California Office and OSS Headquarters Washington with respect to matters affecting the SI and SO Branches, particularly with respect to the handling and routing of verbal communications and documents. Upon completion of this mission you will return to OSS Headquarters Washington.

2. Upon arrival at San Francisco you will report to Lt. Colonel Robert N. Hall head of OSS California Office and will cooperate with him in every way.

3. You are hereby authorized to carry such secret and confidential documents as may be necessary to the proper performance of your duties. These documents may be shown to authorized persons but must remain in your possession at all times.

4. You are authorised to travel by air or by such other means as may be most rapid and direct.

William J. Donovan
Director

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[illegible] TO FORLAN AND ARMOUR. RE YOUR #24264 (IN 11211)

1. DO NOT BELIEVE IT ADVISABLE TO TAKE ACTION YOU REQUEST HERE.

2. YOU ARE AT LIBERTY GIVE INFORMATION ON ORELL TO OUR [illegible], LONDON, WITH SUGGESTION IT BE PASSED ON TO BELGIAN EMBASSY, [illegible], FOR SUCH ACTION AS BELGIANS WISH TO TAKE.

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[illegible] APRIL 1945

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[illegible] THE SECRETARIAT

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[illegible]. TO CHESTON FROM ARMOUR.

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1. EMILE GRELL, THE BROTHER OF CAPTAIN WILLIAM F. GRELL, [illegible] OF OSS, HAS BEEN A PRISONER IN GERMAN HANDS SINCE DECEMBER [illegible]1.

2. HE BELONGED TO BELGIAN UNDERGROUND MOVEMENT, WHO HAVE WORKED IN CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH US, AND IS A CIVILIAN OF BELGIAN CITIZENSHIP, AGE [illegible], BORN ANTWERP.

3. INFORMATION DATING FROM FEBRUARY 1944 PLACES HIM IN THE PRISON CAMP OF GRAZ, AUSTRIA, AND IT IS BELIEVED HE IS STILL IN THAT CAMP IN AN ISOLATED CELL.

4. IT IS REQUESTED THAT OSS WASHINGTON APPROACH OUR EMBASSY IN [illegible] VIA STATE DEPARTMENT WITH REQUEST TO INFORM SOVIET INTELLIGENCE SERVICE TO GIVE EMILE GRELL EVERY POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE, AND AFTER CAPTURE OF GRAZ ANY TRACE OF EMILE GRELL BE CABLED TO OSS LONDON.

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will take up
with Magruder +
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cable sent on this subj.
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TOR: 1095 [illegible] APRIL 1945

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[illegible] Justin L
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x Medical corp.

201-Greene, Justin L.

13 June 1945

SUBJECT: Promotion

TO : The Adjutant General

ATTN : Officers Branch Promotion Section
Munitions Building
Washington 25, D. C.

1. Under the provisions of AR 605-12, as amended, it is recommended that the officer named below be promoted as indicated:

Captain Justin L. Greene, [illegible], MC

Date of rank: 14 February 1944

Grade recommended: Major

2. This recommendation is submitted without regard to position vacancy under the provisions of paragraph 4 j (5), AR 605-12, as amended.

3. Captain Greene was serving as Medical Officer for the [illegible] with the [illegible] Army during the campaign in [illegible]. In addition to his duties as Medical Officer he was charged with obtaining medical information concerning the [illegible]. On [illegible] October 1944 Captain Greene was [illegible], ambushed, and wounded [illegible]. He was confined for two months at Stalag [illegible] and was then transferred to Offlag 13-B at [illegible]. During his confinement in these German [illegible] severe frost bite and has been [illegible] to this station. He was repatriated [illegible] April 1945.

4. Captain Greene has demonstrated his fitness for the [illegible] by outstanding performance in the field [illegible] the date of his capture. For wounds [illegible] 1944 and on 27 March 1945, prior to [illegible] has been awarded the Purple Heart [illegible]. He is authorized to wear bronze [illegible], [illegible], and German campaigns.

5. WD AGO Form [illegible] is inclosed.

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3. This officer is not under consideration for relief [illegible] is not a member of a unit scheduled for [illegible] will continue to occupy the [illegible] or a similar position con- [illegible].

4. The [illegible] rank of this officer has been considered [illegible] he is the best fitted officer [illegible] for the grade and position for which [illegible] recommended.

For and in the absence of the Director:

3 Incls
[illegible]

CHARLES B. [illegible]
Assistant Director

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29 March 1945

Miss Grace Tully
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Grace:

Here is a letter that General Romulo asked me to give to The President.

I wish you would do it for me, since it concerns a request that President Osmena has made of me.

Sincerely,

William J. Donovan
Director

(To allow Griffin to take memo of meeting between FDR & Osmena)

THE RESIDENT COMMISSIONER OF THE PHILIPPINES
TO THE UNITED STATES
WASHINGTON, D C

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March 29, 1945

Dear General Donovan:

I appreciate your taking the time this morning to advise me on the procedure of approaching President Roosevelt about my plan to have his and President Osmena's picture taken during their forthcoming conference, and I am also grateful to you for interceding for me.

Looking forward to seeing you soon, and thanking you for all the favors I have received from you, I am

Sincerely yours,

Carlos P. Romulo
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Brigadier General William J. Donovan
Director, Office of Strategic Services
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THE RESIDENT COMMISSIONER OF THE PHILIPPINES
TO THE UNITED STATES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

March 29, 1945

Dear Mr. President:

In view of the historic importance to the people of the Philippines of your forthcoming conference with President Osmena, which I understand will take place in Florida soon, I am taking the liberty of writing you this letter to inquire whether you would permit Captain David O. Griffin, U.S.M.C.R., to take still, moving and sound pictures of yourself and President Osmena immediately before or immediately after your meeting. Captain Griffin was formerly attached to the Office of Strategic Services, and is now attached to the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines for the purpose of making a documentary film for our government.

With assurances of my highest esteem and admiration, I am, Mr. President

Respectfully yours,

Carlos P. Romulo

The President
The White House

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : General Donovan DATE: 4 November 1944

FROM : Lt. Colonel Doering

SUBJECT: The Attached

I would like to see you and have ready a paper prepared on this [illegible] [illegible]

1. You will recall having approved of Captain Griffin's doing a special photographic job for the Philippine President and for General MacArthur. For that purpose Griffin, at the request of the Philippine Government, was attached to it and proceeded to General MacArthur's theater. Both he and General Romulo departed from here with the united intention of vigorously doing all they could to promote the use of OSS facilities in MacArthur's command.

2. Attached are excerpts from a letter which Kellogg recently received from Griffin.

3. Now that General MacArthur has returned to the Philippines, as promised, it seems to me that the time is really ripe for a well-thought-out effort on our part either (a) to have selected OSS units serve under MacArthur as in other theaters, or (b) to work out arrangements whereby we can use the Philippines, and possibly other places in that theater, as bases for communications, for infiltration into SEAC, etc.

4. I recommend that a representative of the Director, OSS, discuss the matter preliminarily, possibly with General Hull, OPD, and one or two others here in Washington, and then proceed to General MacArthur's headquarters after careful briefing for this purpose. By the time such a representative is ready to leave Washington, we will undoubtedly have the answer on the Pacific Ocean Areas, and this will be another factor in the discussions.

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TO : Lt. Col. O. C. Doering
FROM : R. R. Kellogg
SUBJECT: Excerpts from Letter

DATE: 24 October 1944

These are the excerpts I think you are interested in, taken from a letter I received from Captain David Griffin. I will keep you informed as to any other correspondence.

Ray

R. R. KELLOGG
Lieut., USNR
Acting Chief
Field Photographic Branch

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
WASHINGTON, D.C.

24 October 1944

To: Colonel O. C. Doering

From: Lieutenant E. R. Kellogg
Field Photographic Branch

Subject: Excerpts from a Letter from Captain David Griffin sent from General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area and Mailed October 12, 1944.

A note in great haste. Everything is perfect. Just read the papers and know I'll be right there and in the right places with full enthusiastic support of my mission from the very top. Other things should follow.

I am sending some film to Miss Rumple of the Commonwealth and she will turn it over to you for processing.

A formal request for final editing, etc. will follow later when things are established. Right now it's chaos here.

To satisfy the President you may have to send work print out here for censoring and first rough assemble approval. Highest air priorities will be provided. More on this later.

I request that you treat all film as secret, including stills.

My letters in the future will be typed, and make more solid sense.

Give my best regards to the Colonel and the Commander. More later.

Sincerely

/s/ Dave Griffin

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Chief, Field Photographic Branch 22 Sept. 1944

Lt. Colonel Doering

Your Memo of 14 September re Grant of Unvouchered Funds to Captain Griffin

I discussed this with General Donovan last night. It was not his or our understanding that Captain Griffin would or should be in a position of rendering any services to OSS unless and until it was approved by the Theater Commander concerned. In order that our position in the matter will not be misunderstood by the Theater Commander, it is believed that the issuance of special funds should only be on condition that the Theater Commander approve the project which Captain Griffin has in mind and approve OSS making available the sum specified out of unvouchered funds.

O. C. D., Jr.

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

INTEROFFICE MEMO

14 September 1944

TO: General William J. Donovan,
Director, O.S.S.

FROM: Chief, Field Photographic Branch

SUBJECT: Captain David C. Griffin, USMCR; Grant of Unvouchered Funds to

Captain David C. Griffin, USMCR, recently of this Branch, has been attached to the Government of the Philippine Commonwealth as a Special Aide to President Osmena.

While on his present assignment, the ordinary expenses of Capt. Griffin will be met by the Marine Corps or the Philippine Government. However, it is considered probable that Captain Griffin will be able to render confidential services to O.S.S. at the same time, and it was the suggestion of Colonel Doering that he be granted unvouchered special funds to assist him in carrying out his mission.

It is recommended that Captain Griffin be granted $5,000.00 of Special Funds for the above purpose.

E. R. Kellogg

E. R. KELLOGG
Lieut., USMCR
By Direction

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Griffin David

Office of the President
of the Philippines

September 8, 1944

Brigadier General William J. Donovan
Director, Office of Strategic Services
25th & "E" Streets, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear General Donovan:

I wish to express my deep appreciation of your kindness in making Captain David C. Griffin, USMCR, who formerly was assigned to The OSS, available to the Commonwealth Government.

I feel sure that the duties which Captain Griffin will perform for us will be of benefit not only to the Commonwealth Government but to the United States as well.

Again thanking you, I am,

Sincerely yours,

S. Osmeña

[illegible]

Office of the President
of the Philippines
Washington, D. C.

August 21, 1944

Lt. Gen. Alexander A. Vandegrift, U.S.M.C.
Commandant, U. S. Marine Corps
Headquarters, U. S. Marine Corps
Washington, D. C.

Dear General Vandegrift:

Events are rapidly leading to the liberation of my country and to the return of my government to the Philippines. The tasks that face us at this time are naturally great and varied. Some of them are of a highly specialized nature and require both American and Filipino personnel attached to my staff.

One of these special and highly important tasks can be performed only by a certain Marine Officer who has certain specialized qualifications. This officer is Captain David O. Griffin, USMCR. Captain Griffin has long been known to the Philippine Government and the Filipino people. He produced the finest documentary motion picture ever made on the Philippines, entitled FREEDOM TO BATAAN. His public activities, together with this film, have been a great contribution to American-Filipino friendship and understanding. These and certain other qualifications fit Captain Griffin in a unique way for this special task.

It is therefore requested that Captain Griffin be attached to my staff in the capacity of a special aide to me for a period of approximately ten months. I assure you that the mission Captain Griffin will perform in this capacity will be a real contribution to the war in the Pacific and to the lasting peace for which we are all fighting.

I understand Captain Griffin is now attached to the Office of Strategic Services, and through informal conversation I have been assured by his commanding officer that there will be no objection to his transfer to my staff for this period of time.

Because of the rapid movement of events in the Pacific and the urgent need for Captain Griffin's departure, I would greatly appreciate your early decision on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

SERGIO OSMEÑA

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: 17 June 1944

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TO : The Director
Via : Deputy Director, SSO [illegible]
FROM : Chief, MO Branch

SUBJECT: Philippine Project

1. Subsequent to the meeting held in your office on Thursday, June 15, to discuss the above project, I was notified by Colonel Doering that our method of approach was to be modified.

2. After considerable discussion with Colonel Doering and Lt. Kellogg, I agreed with the latter that he should visit Colonel Romulo. The latter is quoted as stating that he did not wish to place OSS in an embarrassing position, in view of our relationships with the Theater in question, so that we would merely have President Quezon write a formal request for the services of Captain Griffin.

3. Such procedure seems to preclude the possibility of my having the proposed discussion with the Public Relations Officer of General MacArthur's staff.

4. Since developments have taken the turn indicated above, which are contrary to the understanding had in your office, I felt I should so inform you.

KDMann
K. D. Mann, Lt. Colonel, AUS
Chief, MO Branch

Discussed with Col Mann + interview arranged
WJD

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Via : The Director
Deputy Director, SSO
Chief, MO Branch

17 June 1944

Philippine Project

1. Subsequent to the meeting held in your office on Thursday, June 15, to discuss the above project, I was notified by Colonel Doering that our method of approach was to be modified.

2. After considerable discussion with Colonel Doering and Lt. [illegible], I agreed with the latter that he should visit Colonel Romulo. The latter is quoted as stating that he did not wish to place OSS in an embarrassing position, in view of our relationships with the Theater in question, so that we would merely have President Quezon write a formal request for the services of Captain Griffin.

3. Such procedure seems to preclude the possibility of my having the proposed discussion with the Public Relations Offices of General MacArthur's staff.

4. Since developments have taken the turn indicated above, which are contrary to the understanding had in your office, I felt I should so inform you.

K. D. Mann, Lt. Colonel, AUS
Chief, MO Branch

Griffin, David 8765
x Marine Corps

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11 January 1943

From: The Director of Strategic Services.
To: First Lieutenant David G. Griffin,
U.S. Marine Corps Reserve.

Subject: Temporary additional duty orders.

Reference: (a) MarCorps ltr [illegible], AN-[illegible]-pbf, of 6 January 1943.

1. As authorized by reference (a), on or about 11 January 1943, you are hereby ordered to proceed to New York, N.Y., for temporary additional duty in connection with a certain motion picture made by yourself on the Philippine Islands for the Philippine Commission before your entry into the service.

2. As instructed by the Director, Division of Public Relations, U.S. Marine Corps, you will report to Major [illegible], USMC, Officer-in-Charge, Public Relations Office, 90 Church Street, New York, N.Y.

3. Your expenses and per diem allowance will be borne by the Philippine Commission.

4. Upon completion of this temporary additional duty, which it is anticipated will last approximately ten (10) days, you will return to your regular post of duty at Washington, D.C.

WILLIAM J. DONOVAN
Director

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HEADQUARTERS U. S. MARINE CORPS
WASHINGTON

6 January, 1943.

From: The Commandant, U. S. Marine Corps.
To: First Lieutenant David C. Griffin, Marine Corps Reserve, Office of Strategic Services, Washington, D.C.
Via: The Director of Strategic Services.

Subject: Travel orders.

1. In connection with your duties in the Office of Strategic Services, you will perform such travel as may be directed by the Director of that office, and you will perform the travel directed by such mode or modes of transportation as he may specify. For such travel and while away from your designated post of duty, you will be allowed a per diem of six dollars.

2. The travel herein enjoined is necessary in the public service.

3. Reimbursement of per diem allowances authorized and travel expenses incurred under orders issued to you by the Director, Office of Strategic Services, will be made by that official.

Acting

Copy to The Paymaster,
1stLt. Griffin - 3.

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6 January, 1943.

From: The Commandant, U. S. Marine Corps.
To: First Lieutenant David C. Griffin, Marine Corps
Reserve, Office of Strategic Services,
Washington, D.C.
Via: The Director of Strategic Services.

Subject: Travel orders.

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H. SCHMIDT
Acting

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Copy to The Paymaster,
1stLt. Griffin - 3.　　　MRCLM., Hq.

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1805

6 January, 1943.

From: The Commandant, U. S. Marine Corps.
To: First Lieutenant David C. Griffin, Marine Corps Reserve, Office of Strategic Services, Washington, D.C.
Via: The Director of Strategic Services.

Subject: Travel orders.

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H. SCHMIDT
Acting

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Copy to The Paymaster,
1stLt. Griffin - 3.   [illegible]

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Griffin, David 5760
Marine Corps

Field Photographic Division
1 January 1943

From: The Director of Strategic Services
To: The Commandant, U. S. Marine Corps

Via: Personnel Division

Subject: Travel Orders for 1st Lieut. David C. Griffin, U.S.M.C.R.

1. It is requested that the above named officer be issued Travel Orders similar to those of the other Marine Corps officers attached to the Office of Strategic Services. Their orders customarily read as follows:

> "1. In connection with your duties in the Office of Strategic Services, you will perform such travel as may be directed by the Director of that office, and you will perform the travel directed by such mode or modes of transportation as he may specify. For such travel and while away from your designated post of duty, you will be allowed a per diem of six dollars.
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> "2. The travel herein enjoined is necessary in the public service.
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> "3. Reimbursement of per diem allowances authorized and travel expenses incurred under orders issued to you by the Director, Office of Strategic Services, will be made by that official."

WILLIAM J. DONOVAN
Director

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October 17, 1942

TO: The Commandant, U.S. Marine Corps

FROM: Director, Office of Strategic Services

SUBJECT: Application for commission of David Crockett Griffin

There is forwarded herewith, for consideration, the application of David Crockett Griffin, 3376 Huntington Drive, San Gabriel, California.

It is respectfully requested that if and when Mr. Griffin is commissioned he be assigned for duty with the Office of Strategic Services. It is desired that he perform service with the Field Photographic Unit.

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William J. Donovan
Director

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Marine [illegible]
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COORDINATOR OF INFORMATION

INTEROFFICE MEMO

FROM Captain B. E. Cunningham

DATE October 1[illegible], 1942

TO Mr. James Murphy

SUBJECT David Griffin

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Enclosed is the application of David Griffin for Marine Corps.

Will you please forward this to headquarters in Arlington as we discussed last week? Think Griffin should be considered for First Lieutenant.

Enclosure - 1

DAVID GRIFFIN
3376 HUNTINGTON DRIVE
SAN GABRIEL, CALIFORNIA

October 9, 1942.

Captain B.E.Cunningham
Photographic Branch
Office of Strategic Service
Washington, D.C.

Dear Captain Cunningham;

I wish to add a personal note to you regarding my rather unfortunate experience in college which resulted in my leaving before completing two years.

The college I attended was a small sectarian school. I entered at the insistence of my parents and finally left when it became evident that I could no longer be compatible with the sectarian viewpoint of the school.

I am most anxious to serve my country, particularly in the specialized capacity for which my past experience with the camera, the Malay language, and world travel has qualified me. I am sure that the officials who make the final decision on my qualifications will take into consideration the practical experience which I have gained since school days. Mr. Melville Grosvenor, Secretary of the Committee on Lectures, National Geographic Society, Washington, will, I know, be glad to vouch for the fact that this experience has made up, in part at least, for my lack of a complete college course.

I expect to leave here for New York and Washington next week and will get in touch with you immediately on my arrival. I will be at your disposal if any personal interviews are required in connection with my entering the Photographic Branch of the OSS as a Marine officer.

Very truly yours,

David Griffin

DAVID GRIFFIN

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In reply address not the signer of this letter, but Bureau of Naval Personnel, Navy Department, Washington, D. C.
Refer to No.
Pers 3211-VOC
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NAVY DEPARTMENT
BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

10 MAY 1944

From: BuPers.
To: The Director, Office of Strategic Services,
Washington, D. C.

Subj: Lieutenant Commander George Lewis GRAVESON, C-V(S), U.S.N.R. - Recommendation for promotion of.

Ref: (a) Your ltr., dated 4 March 1944, and CO NavComdOSS ltr., dated 27 January 1944.

1. Your recommendation, as set forth in reference (a), for the promotion of Lieutenant Commander Graveson was submitted to the board established by the Secretary to consider all such recommendations.

2. This board did not recommend Lieutenant Commander Graveson for promotion, and your letter has been filed with his record where it will be available for review when he becomes regularly eligible for temporary promotion.

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R. A. KOCH
Capt., U.S.N. (Ret)

CC:
CO NavComdOSS
Washington, D. C.

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4 March 1944

From: The Director.

To: The Chief of Naval Personnel

Subject: Lieutenant Commander George L. Graveson, C-V(S), USNR, spot promotion to the rank of Commander.

1. Lieutenant Commander Graveson has been in the U. S. Naval Reserve for over twenty-two years and on active duty more than two and one-half years. He has been with the Office of Strategic Services for eighteen months and a Lieutenant Commander since 1 March 1942.

2. During his entire tour of duty with this office, Lieutenant Commander Graveson has been in England and has had charge of our entire communications system in the European Theater of Operations. This has consisted of the construction of two large communications stations operated by OSS in England, setting up facilities in the field, the establishment of a Message Center, the supervision of all communications personnel and material and constant contact with communications officials of the British service and other allied governments.

3. This has meant exercising command over a rapidly growing force which at present consists of 40 officers and 150 men; acting as Chief Signal Officer, which would call for the rank of full Colonel if occupied by an Army officer and maintaining liaison with opposite numbers in the British and United States services, all of whom are Brigadiers and Colonels.

4. Lieutenant Commander Graveson has performed all the above duties in a most meritorious manner, and has received commendations from high echelons in England. He has also been endorsed for promotion by the Commander, U. S. Naval Forces in Europe, and has been recommended highly for promotion by a board of senior officers in the Office of Strategic Services. With all these actions I heartily concur and urge a spot promotion for Lt. Commander Graveson to the rank of Commander.

William J. Donovan
Director

[illegible] 13, 1943

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[illegible] Professor

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[illegible] of Lt. Commander,
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In reply address not the signer of this letter, but Bureau of Navigation, Navy Department, Washington, D. C.
Refer to No. Pers 3211-GAB/AG
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NAVY DEPARTMENT
BUREAU OF NAVIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.
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MAR 6 1943

From: The Chief of Naval Personnel.
To: The Director, Office of Strategic Services.

Subject: Lieutenant George Lewis GRAVESON, D-V(S), U.S.N.R.- request for promotion of.

References: (a) Your Ltr to the Bureau of Naval Personnel dated February 26, 1943, with endorsement.
(b) Alnav 37 of 1943.

1. The receipt of reference (a) is acknowledged.

2. Since the records of the Bureau show that Lieutenant Graveson is eligible for promotion to the rank of Lieutenant Commander for temporary service under the provisions of reference (b) no further action with regard to reference (a) will be taken.

R A Koch

R. A. KOCH
Capt. USN (Ret)
Special Assistant
To Chief of Bureau

JD/RHO/ask
February 16, 1943

SUBJECT: Promotion of Lieutenant George L. Graveson to the grade of
Lieutenant Commander.

VIA: The Secretary of the Navy.

TO: The Bureau of Naval Personnel.

1. Lieutenant Graveson, has been commissioned in the Naval Reserve since 1930, with the rank of Lieutenant, Senior Grade, from January 9, 1941, and has been on continuous active duty since July 21, 1941.

2. Lieutenant Graveson has recently returned from England where he has made a survey for the Office of Strategic Services and is acting in the capacity of Chief Liaison Officer for engineering operations with responsibility for the construction of various communications stations in foreign fields. He is leaving immediately for abroad to reassume his duties, where his contacts as a result of the responsible position he holds make it extremely important that he be considered for a promotion at this time.

3. Attention is invited to the provisions of Public No. 188 - 77th Congress, "Whenever, in the opinion of the Secretary of the Navy, it is deemed advisable that an officer should be advanced to a higher rank in the Navy or Marine Corps for the purpose of better administration of the duty to which that officer is assigned, the Secretary of the Navy may nominate such officer to the President for temporary advancement to a rank not above Rear Admiral or Major General."

4. In view of the [illegible] assignment of this officer the provisions of the above cited law are [illegible] applicable by this office in this particular case.

5. Lieutenant Graveson has shown initiative and conscientiousness in the performance of his duties and for the foregoing reasons it is respectfully recommended that he be promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Commander.

WILLIAM J. DONOVAN
Director

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February 8, 1943.

DIRECTIVE

From: Director of Strategic Services.

To: Lieutenant George L. Graveson, U.S.N.R.

1. You are hereby authorized and directed to proceed, as soon after this date as possible, to London, England, and such other places as may be necessary to carry out your duties.

2. You will report to the Director of this office in London for duty in the Communications Branch.

3. You are hereby authorized to carry official mail, documents and equipment of and pertaining to this office. All Customs, Immigration and Censorship officials are respectfully requested to accord the necessary courtesies in order that the opening or examination of such official mail, documents or equipment may be avoided.

4. Separate provision has been made for travel orders from the Navy Department

William J. Donovan
Director

Graveson, George [illegible]

[illegible]

January 20, 1943.

(NEW BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL)
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From: The Chief of Naval Personnel.
To: Lieutenant
George L. Graveson, D-V(S), U.S.N.R.,
Office of Strategic Services,
Navy Department.
Via: The Chief of Naval Operations.

Subject: Temporary additional duty.

1. Proceed to the place (or places—in the order given) indicated below, for temporary duty. This is in addition to your present duties and upon the completion thereof you will return to your station:

On or about January [illegible], 1943, to New York, N.Y., in connection with official business for the Office of Strategic Services.

2. The cost of this travel is chargeable to "Pay, Subsistence and Transportation", and ultimately chargeable to the Office of Strategic Services.

RANDALL JACOBS

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NAVY DEPARTMENT
BUREAU OF NAVIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

December 28, 1942.

(NOW BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL)

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From: The Chief of Naval Personnel.
To: Lieutenant
George L. Graveson, D-V(S), U.S.N.R.,
Office of Strategic Services,
Washington, D.C.

Via: The Chief of Naval Operations.

Subject: Temporary additional duty.

1. Proceed to the place (or places—in the order given) indicated below, for temporary duty. This is in addition to your present duties and upon the completion thereof you will return to your station:

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On or about December 17, 1942, to New York, N.Y., and thence, to [illegible], Long Island, N.Y., in connection with official business for the Office of Strategic Services.

2. The cost of this travel is chargeable to "Pay, Subsistence and Transportation", and ultimately chargeable to the Office of Strategic Services.

(Confirming verbal instructions of [illegible], 1942).

RANDALL JACOBS

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Ser. No. 100

September 21, 1942

From: The Director of Strategic Services.
To: The Director of Naval Intelligence.

Subject: Lieut. George L. Graveson, D-V(S), USNR, temporary additional duty orders - request for.

1. It is requested that arrangements be made to obtain orders directing Lieutenant George L. Graveson, USNR, to proceed on or about September 24, 1942, to London, England, on a mission for the Office of Strategic Services, and upon its completion to return to his regular station.

2. It is desired that he be directed to report to the Commander, U. S. Naval Forces in Europe, for temporary additional duty in the London branch of the Office of Strategic Services and be authorized to perform such travel in the United Kingdom as may be directed by the Director of that office.

3. It is desired that Lieutenant Graveson be authorized to perform all travel in connection with his mission via such means as may be available including via air, either commercial or military.

4. It is desired that he be authorized a per diem allowance of $6.00 while absent from his regular station.

5. The cost of this travel will be borne by the Office of Strategic Services.

Stirling [illegible]. Smith,
Lieutenant Commander, U. S. N.,
By direction.

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

August 5, 1942

Honorable Frank Knox
The Secretary of the Navy
Washington, D. C.

Dear Frank:

On July 13th I requested the assignment of the following Naval personnel:

a) Lieutenant George L. Graveson, CVS

b) G. H. Blackmore, radioman Third Class, USNR.

I requested the assignment of these men because of their special qualifications in the radio and communications field, and because my information was that they were not assigned to such duties in your Department.

These requests were denied on July 17th and July 18th. Both of these men are still working at the Office of Censorship in New York City. While I would like to have both of them, I am particularly concerned about the case of Graveson. He is well known to our people here and is the only man we have been able to find with the particular qualifications for the task we have in mind.

The task to which I refer is that of setting up a communications service for OSS, which, of course, is for the speedy fulfillment of our obligations to both the Army and the Navy. It will mean his going to Cario and possibly other foreign areas, and employing his engineering, communications and construction knowledge in setting up a station or stations.

In the light of these facts, and in view of the fact that Graveson is not now employing the unique talent and ability that he has, I would greatly appreciate, in the general service interest, your reconsideration of my request.

Sincerely,

William J. Donovan
Director

July 23, 1942

Commander Edward V. Hayes
Office of the Secretary
Navy Department
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ed:

On July 13th Colonel Donovan wrote a letter to the Secretary requesting the assignment of Lieutenant George E. Graveson, C-V(S), now in the Censorship Office at 67 Broad Street, New York City. We particularly wanted him to handle a special mission abroad. At the same time we asked for a radioman Blackmore. Both requests were turned down on July 17th. A copy of the rejection letter is attached.

Since then I have looked into the matter with respect to Graveson and have been told that this was a formal rejection based upon an order of the Navy Department designating certain key personnel with communications training to the Office of Censorship in New York City. I am further told that the emergency reason for that order no longer exists. At any rate Graveson is not performing any work in his own field at the present, but is doing a job which anyone could be trained to do in a couple of days.

We had picked Graveson for a special communications job of a highly secret nature in heading an expedition to a foreign country, where he will not only have to apply his engineering, communications and construction knowledge, but will control a group of men and contact foreign Government personnel.

I do not know how this should be handled, but I would like to have your advice. Do you think there would be a chance to have the matter of Graveson reconsidered?

We will need, in addition, three or four other officers, of the grade of Lieutenant, to undertake similar assignments. The men should be mature, capable of directing technical and military personnel, contacting other divisions of OSS and foreign offices. They should have knowledge of station construction, engineering and technical communications knowledge and experience. For these other men do you think it would be advisable for us simply to cite the type of men we want and ask Navy Personnel to try to find some for assignment here. It occurred to me that we might have better success that way than in asking for specific men.

Many thanks,

Sincerely,

James R. Murphy

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

~~COORDINATOR OF INFORMATION~~

INTEROFFICE MEMO

FROM: Lieutenant S. H. Simpson, Jr. **DATE** July [illegible], 1942

TO: James R. Murphy

SUBJECT: G. L. Graveson, C-V (S), U.S.N.R., Request for

Lieut. Graveson's assignment to O. S. S. has been, I believe, the cause of a prior order designating certain key personnel with communications training to the Office of Censorship in New York City. This emergency, I believe, is no longer effective since I was one of this group of communications personnel and was transferred to O. S. S. Furthermore, Lieut. Graveson is doing no work in his own field at the present time.

Lieut. Graveson is to be assigned a job of highly secret nature in heading an expedition to a foreign country, where he will not only have to apply his engineering, communications, and construction knowledge, but will have to control a group of men and contact foreign government personnel.

This job can only be turned over to hand-picked personnel.

Several other officers of this caliber will be necessary for at least three more assignments. If the Navy Department or War Department could spare such officers, preferably the grade of Lieutenant in the Navy or Captain in the Army, it would be of great assistance. The men must be mature, capable of directing technical and military personnel, contacting other divisions of this organization and foreign offices, and having knowledge of engineering, particularly communications propagation and construction of any stations to be used.

SHSimpson Jr

In reply address not the signer of
this letter, but Bureau of Naval Personnel,
Navy Department, Washington, D. C.
Refer to No. Pers-31-JEW

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NAVY DEPARTMENT
BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL
WASHINGTON, D. C.

July 17, 1942.

My dear Colonel Donovan:

Your letter of July 13, 1942, addressed to the Secretary of the Navy, in which you requested that Lieutenant George L. Graveson, C-V(S), U.S.N.R., now on duty in the Office of the Cable Censor, Third Naval District, New York, New York, be assigned to the Office of Strategic Services of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, is acknowledged.

Lieutenant Graveson is performing very important duties in his present assignment, and because of this it is not possible to comply with your request. Because of your interest in this matter, it is regretted that a more favorable reply to your request cannot be given.

Sincerely yours,

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The Ass[illegible] [illegible]al Personnel

Colonel William J. Donovan, Director,
Office of Strategic Services,
United States Government,
Washington, D. C.

Graveson [illegible]
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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

July 13, 1942

Commander Edward V. Hayes
Office of the Secretary
Navy Department
Washington, D. C.

(also Blackmore [illegible])

Dear Ed:

I am sending you herewith two requests for assignment of Navy men. We are most anxious to have these men in connection with secret communications work. We would like to send Graveson to the field at the head of a mission, and Blackmore we intend to keep here for later assignment to the field. Both of these men are known personally to people in charge of our communications work and are highly recommended as having come from private industry well trained for our purposes.

Sincerely,

James R. Murphy

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

July 13, 1942

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Navy
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

It is respectfully requested that Lt. G. L. Graveson, C-V-(S) now in Censorship, at 67 Broad Street, New York City, be assigned to the Office of Strategic Services of the Joint Chiefs of Staff to handle special communications work of a highly secret and confidential nature.

His File number is 63757.

Lt. Graveson is specially qualified for a particular job of an urgent nature, and your consideration of the requested transfer will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

William J. Donovan
Director

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON

AUG 14 1942

Dear Bill:

In answer to your letter of August 5, 1942, in which you requested the assignment of Lieutenant George L. Graveson, C-V(S), U.S.N.R., and G. H. Blackmore, Radioman 3c., U.S.N.R., to the Office of Strategic Services, I am glad to be able to tell you that Lieutenant George L. Graveson has been ordered to your office and should report on or about August 18, 1942.

The requirements of the fleet are such as to make it impracticable to assign a radioman 3c. to your office.

Sincerely yours,

Frank Knox

Colonel William J. Donovan,
Director, Office of Strategic Services,
Washington, D. C.